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Tech to oust Barbell Club

Students organize in protest of decision

By Haining Yu
Assistant News Editor

At a meeting two weeks ago, Tech administrators informed representatives of the Barbell Club that they were to lose their gym. Located in the basement of O'Keefe Gym, the Barbell Club space is to be renovated into new locker room facilities for the women's volleyball team, which currently play in the space adjacent to the Barbell Club facilities.

According to Robert Thompson, Tech's senior vice president for administration and finance, who called the meeting, the removal of the club was necessary for compliance with Title IX regulations.

In the past, the volleyball team utilized locker rooms in Alexander Memorial Coliseum, but according to a Title IX compliance report prepared this spring by an outside consultant, the volleyball team needs to have locker facilities located in the

same building in which they compete.

The report, prepared by Gender Equity and Sports Management consultants Lamar Daniel, Inc., marks the halfway point in the NCAA's 10-year certification cycle. Required by the NCAA to be performed in the five-year interim between certification, the report is a self study designed to help the school identify trouble spots in academic integrity, fiscal integrity, governance, commitment to rules compliance and commitment to equity. Failure by a school to properly address concerns brought up in a five-year interim report can be punished by ineligibility for NCAA championships and eventually removal from active membership in the association.

According to representatives of the club, the decision to evict the Barbell Club was made without any input from officers and members, and with no prior official notice.

While the eviction notice was given without a specific deadline, administrators are firm in the finality of their decision. According to Thompson, no replacement facilities were offered to the club due to the lack of available space on campus.

Instead, club members were invited to move their workouts to the new fitness center at the CRC. Representatives of the CRC present at the meeting offered to give club representatives a personal tour of their facilities, and to discuss changes or additions that could be made to better assist the club's transition to the CRC.

According to Director Michael Edwards, the CRC is open to input from the club on its needs, and is open to making adjustments, including purchasing more equipment and possibly

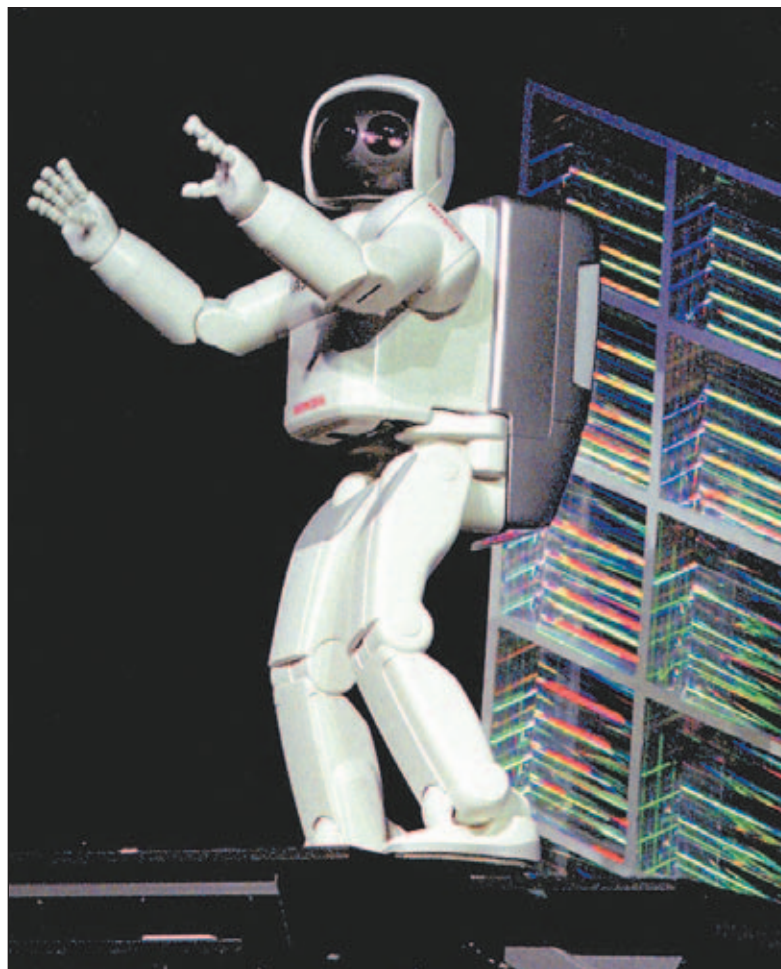


Barbell Club members met last Thursday night to discuss a proposal put forward by administrators that would remove them from their current facilities. The Barbell Club uses weight-lifting rooms located in the basement of the O'Keefe building.

By Jamie Howell /
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Humanoid robot ASIMO performs for campus as part of nationwide tour



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

ASIMO celebrates after climbing a set of stairs at the Ferst Center.

By Inn Inn Chen
Contributing Writer

On Sept. 23-25, Tech hosted Honda's "Say Hello to ASIMO" educational tour, featuring the world's most advanced humanoid robot.

ASIMO, or Advanced Step in Innovative MObility, showed off its skills, which included walking up and down steps and hula dancing in the Ferst Center for performing arts. There were several demonstrations, including some for local schools from around Atlanta and others for Tech students and faculty.

The whole event afforded an opportunity for Tech publicity and public outreach.

Stephen Keeny, ASIMO Project Leader from Honda of America, said he "considers Tech a leader in science and technology education," and cited that as the main reason for Honda choosing Tech as a venue for its tour. "Everyone here seems so interested in science," he said.

Vanessa Larco, a first-year Computer Science major, said the event "shows off how prestigious we are."

The event brought in many students from the Atlanta area, almost 1,400 on Thursday and Friday, who not only got to see ASIMO, but also a glimpse into the Tech community, and in particular, the College of Computing.

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GTCOW to feature trivia, debates

Georgia Tech Coming Out Week takes place next week, Oct. 4-8.

Events include Monday's kick-off fair on the Skiles Walkway from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also featured Monday is Sex for Ramblin' Wrecks trivia in the Music Listening Room from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. A gay marriage debate will take place at the Campanile Tuesday, Oct. 5 from 11 a.m. to noon, and an alumni panel will provide advice to current students. The week closes out Thursday with a coming out workshop from 11 a.m. to noon and the intercollegiate Big Gay Out party from 8 p.m. to midnight at Under the Couch.

Facing tight budget, SGA offers alternatives

By Nikhil Joshi
Contributing Writer

Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, presented and distributed the Georgia Tech Fundraising Guide Book to student organization leaders Sept. 6 at the President's Summit.

"There are a lot of student organizations that don't know where to go for funds, and this is one place they can go to," Phuong said. "The strategies in this guide are directed mainly to organizations that need to fundraise on a small scale."

The 10-page guide, written by Phuong with the help of undergradu-

ate treasurer Ambika Bumb, contains general fundraising strategies and advice, information about poten-

tial on-campus sponsors and a brief section explaining corporate sponsorship. Most of the ideas, Phuong said, came from her past leadership roles and research.

"SGA's goal is to help all students on campus," Bumb said. "As part of this goal, we make an effort to inform

organizations on how to finance efficiently."

The majority of the guide consists of information about organizations such as the Residence Hall Association (RHA), the Student Life Fund and the Alumni Association, preceded by an explanation of SGA's four accounts and bill procedures.

"The goal is to maximize resources on campus," Phuong said.

"SGA has a limited amount of funds which can be allocated...this year."

David Andersen
JFC chair

"There are large organizations on campus like RHA that provide a great deal of funding."

According to JFC chair David Andersen, SGA's limited budget affects many small student organizations. "SGA has a limited amount of funds which can be allocated towards smaller campus organizations this year, since a large chunk of our money has gone towards... the new Campus Recreation Center," he said.

Andersen said that the guide will present organization leaders with more options.

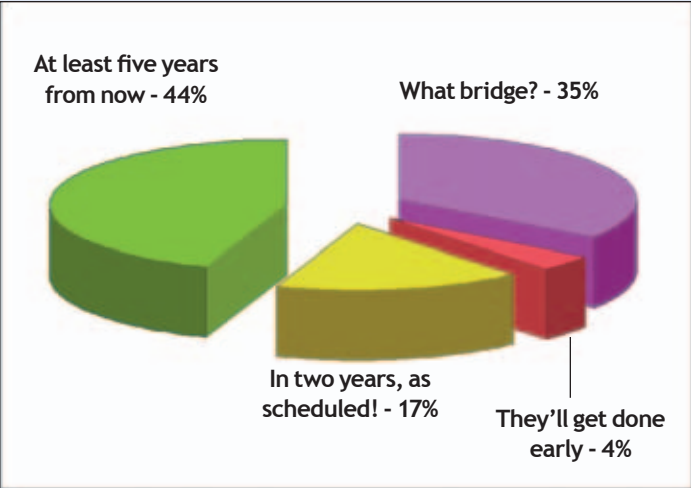
"A major focus of ours this year

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TechniqueOnline Voice your opinion!

Last issue's question received 101 responses.

When will the Fifth St. bridge expansion be done?



By Lauren Griffin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:

What is a fair solution to the Barbell Club situation?
Tell us at www.nique.net



Agency assist
9/25/2004 2:40:00 hrs.
Location: 610 Spring Street
Incident: Offender arrested on outstanding warrant.

Theft
9/23/2004 13:42:00 hrs.
Location: Groseclose building
Incident: Report that a room was entered and a laptop was stolen.

9/24/2004 9:44:00 hrs.
Location: Student Center
Incident: Report of a stolen backpack.

From the files of the GTPD...
Crime Reports

Theft (continued)
9/24/2004 11:46:00 hrs.
Location: CRC
Incident: Report of stolen money and merchandise.

9/24/2004 12:39:00 hrs.
Location: CRC
Incident: Report of a stolen BuzzCard.

9/24/2004 13:23:00 hrs.
Location: Facilities
Incident: Report of a stolen Sony Digital Camera.
9/24/2004 16:35:00 hrs.
Location: Skiles building
Incident: Report of a stolen bicycle.

9/27/2004 14:25:00 hrs.
Location: 939 Hemphill Avenue
Incident: Report of a stolen flower pot.

Controlled substances
9/25/2004 0:40:00 hrs.
Location: Bunger Henry
Incident: Underage students in possession of alcohol.

9/25/2004 3:39:00 hrs.
Location: Folk Parking Lot
Incident: Underage students in possession of alcohol.

Traffic accident
9/24/2004 2:45:00 hrs.
Location: Marietta Street/Bankhead Avenue/Means Street
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident (injuries reported).

9/26/2004 0:42:00 hrs.
Location: EE Architecture parking lot
Incident: Report of a two-vehicle accident (no injuries reported).

Corrections

- Last week the article entitled "Hurricanes' impact felt on campus and at home" incorrectly stated the name of the hurricane that affected Matthew Widlansky's home. It was Hurricane Frances, not Hurricane Charley.

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Clough addresses undergraduates about state budget cut

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

Institute President Wayne Clough spoke to the Undergraduate House of Representatives Tuesday about recent state budget cuts and their effects on Tech, including a possible midyear tuition hike.

He said the cuts would amount to roughly \$8 million for Tech. "We've taken bigger budget cuts than this before," Clough said. "So what's the problem?"

"It's the timing," he said.

Clough told the representatives that these cuts came at a time after Tech had set its budget for the year. "How do you get rid of \$8 million out of your system?" Clough asked.

"Nobody wants a midyear tuition hike, just like we don't want a mid-year budget cut...it's unexpected,"

he added.

However, Clough said, the issue at hand was the importance placed on maintaining educational quality. "If we're going to maintain quality and serve your needs in the future," he said, "then something has to change. And that's the bottom line."

Andrew Harris, Institute director of government relations, said students could still play a role in helping the situation.

"With your help...there's a good possibility that the governor would take some of the cut," he said. However, Harris said it would be highly unlikely for the entire cut to be removed.

"People pay attention when you speak, and I think you speak through this petition," Harris said,

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By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Institute President Wayne Clough speaks to the Undergraduate House of Representatives at its meeting Tuesday. Clough said state budget cuts to the University System came at a bad time.

Graduates swear in new senators, elect secretary

By Stephen Baehl
News Editor

For the first time this year, the Graduate Student Senate meeting was host to a relatively full house of senators thanks to last week's elections.

The new senators were sworn in and introduced to the process, resulting in a slow start to the meeting.

President Kasi David introduced sign-up sheets for students to sign onto the statewide petition speaking out against midyear budget cuts to the University System of Georgia, which could lead to a midyear tuition increase.

"By now I think you've all heard about the proposed tuition increase," David said. He urged all senators to take a sheet back to their respective departments for signatures.

The meeting then moved on to more administrative business as the floor opened for nominations to fill the positions of treasurer and secretary.

Mitchel Keller was the sole nomination for secretary. He accepted, and was elected without discussion.

The role of treasurer proved more difficult to fill.

At the initial lack of volunteers, Vice President Lisa Brown added that the treasurer would receive a stipend. "You get a stipend of \$543 for the year...so after taxes, you can buy a book," she said.

Still, no volunteers stepped forward. The meeting moved on, leaving an election of treasurer for next week's meeting.

The graduates first considered a bill requesting a joint allocation of about \$29,000 to the Rowing Club. The club requested two new boats, eight oars and two amplification systems. Club president Erin Donohoe said the team needed the additional boats to aid in both practices and competitions. The club competes nationally and has approximately 100 members.

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Bills considered by both houses of the Student Government Association

Undergraduate House of Representatives

Title	Author	Status
Joint allocation to Students of Objectivism	Chris Rankine	Tabled
Allocation to Society of Women Engineers	Stephanie Bent	Passed
Special rule of order	Hunter Oates	Passed
Joint allocation to Rowing Club	Stephanie Bent	Passed
Resolution expressing condolences	Amy Phuong	Passed
Joint allocation to TEAM Buzz community service day	Richard Wright	Tabled
Joint allocation to Chinese Students	Joseph Sanchez	Passed
Appointments to Institute Committees	Amy Phuong	Passed
Joint resolution on state budget reduction	Amy Phuong	Passed
Appointments of council representatives	Amy Phuong	Passed

Graduate Student Senate

Joint allocation to Students of Objectivism	Ed Greco	Tabled
Joint allocation to Rowing Club	Ed Greco	Passed
Joint allocation to TEAM Buzz community service day	Teag Haughan	Passed (\$0)
Joint allocation to Chinese Students	Ed Greco	Passed
Joint resolution on state budget reduction	Kasi David	Tabled

SLIVER

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Mice are people, too.
I'm just consenting to do things that you politely asked me to do.
Nobody has conversations with me quite like I do.
Gaylab ran off with scheme to Las Vegas to let real languages do the work.
you know you need a new meal plan when... 9/10 meals are cereal.
...you take food out to feed a stray cat
... you would rather not eat, than eat at brittain
This sliver box ain't big enough for the two of us, King of No Pants! -Cap'n Jeff
...you are 5 weeks into your freshman year and still eating at brittain
...your friends chose dorms on west campus strictly for food

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Graduates elect new senators

By Michael Handelman
Contributing Writer

Graduate students elected a new slate of senators into office last week. However, this year's contest was not without some glitches.

Immediately following the transmission of an email encouraging graduate students to vote on the **elections.gatech.edu** web site, the server malfunctioned.

Graduate student government officials opted to amend the date of the elections to add extra time for students to vote, given the duration of the downtime.

"The system came back up on Tuesday morning, so we extended elections...Tuesday morning until Thursday midnight," said Kasi David, graduate student president.

After the server was restored, graduate students were notified of the technical difficulties with the

elections.gatech.edu server.

"[We] sent an email to graduate students explaining the problem and postponing elections by one day," said Pelham Norville, internal development chair.

After viewing the ballot on the repaired server, some graduate students may have seen some unfamiliar names on their screens due to the major listing of some.

"There was one student who was incorrectly entered into the wrong school, but she never checked during elections to verify that her name was on the ballot for her school," Norville said.

While the votes cast for this senator were nullified, the aspiring senator was ultimately appointed to a vacant position.

Although overall voter turnout percentages were not available at press time, the vote totals of some senators never broke out of the

single-digits.

Among newly elected senators, Marcus Williamson (Architecture) was elected with only two votes. Priyanka Rohatgi (Chemistry) was the highest vote-getter with 36 total votes. Among all winning elected senators, the average vote count was fifteen.

Mechanical Engineering Senator Maria-Isabel Carnasciali, who received 14 votes, was dissatisfied with the turnout.

"The voter turnout was terrible...I knew it wouldn't be very high, but it was lower than I expected," she said.

She cited the temporarily unavailable elections server as one possible cause for the low turnout rate, saying "grad students aren't going to remember to go back to the website at a later time and see if the website

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"From speaking to the organization, we got the impression that they only needed one boat for the competitions, because they can also rent boats," said David Andersen, Joint Finance Committee chair. JFC recommended the bill be cut in half, to fund one boat, four oars, and one amp system. The measure was amended per JFC recommendation and passed.

An unusual bill then came before the senate; Katie Graybeal of TEAM Buzz spoke about the bill requesting a \$1,268 allocation to the club. Graybeal said the money was being requested as a result of a miscommunication with SGA about the ability to rollover unused funds SGA allocated to it last year.

Graybeal said the organization had been told it could receive rollover funds left over from its allocations last year. However, come August, she was informed that the club was not given rollover funding. The requested

money was to offset purchases made based on a budget that included those funds.

"This was an interesting bill that came forward," Andersen said. "I don't know what happened in the communications...but we do not permit the rollover of Tier 3 funds." TEAM Buzz is a Tier 3 organization. "I was not there," Andersen said. "I've just heard both sides of the story."

Andersen said JFC policy dictated that he must recommend the bill not be funded, as it was both retroactive and requesting reimbursement for funds spent on the purchase of gifts and promotional items.

JFC policy does not permit funding gifts or retroactive expenditures.

"I feel terrible for the organization that they're going to have to come up with this \$1,268," said senator Pelham Norville. However, he said JFC policy and the retroactive nature of the bill could not permit its passage. The bill was amended to \$0, as per JFC, and passed.

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If you want some insight into your classes, look them up in Proverbs. e.g. CS 2335 == Proverbs 23:35, CS 2130 == Proverbs 21:30, CS 1321 == Proverbs 13:21, ECE 20:30 == Proverbs 20:30, etc.

Hey look, the letter finally came.

www.extralifeforkids.com

Is it wrong to imagine knocking down one of the street lamps on Bobby Dodd road to use it like a skateboard?

Who was the idiot that quoted a cartoon last week, and how sad is it that I actually know that?

Co-oping sucks. You just sit in an office all day...

And listen to people tell you what to do...

Class is better because at least you can sleep through that!

And I still can't believe McDonalds is supporting U[sic]GA. Just heard the add again on the buzz

what does a PANDA use... inverted?

my cheek has left the building

I wish the world didn't have people, it would be perfect

Murder Mystery Dinner a let down compared to last year

have you heard about alpha omega epsilon? it's a professional engineering sorority

Interpol rocks my socks off

My CD was in the bathroom.

Well, what were YOU doing?

My mother was a zombie, my father was a zombie, and I'll soon be strong, young zombie man.

WEAR GOLD ON GAME-DAYS!

Most important lesson learned last week: If your prof tells you to do something, make sure it's alright with your TA

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The admissions staff was present to answer questions from the students.

Aaron Bobick, director of the GVU (Graphics, Visualization, Usability) Center in the College of Computing, said, "I think we used it as an opportunity to reach out to the community in a way that is perhaps novel. I think it is something that we would like to do again."

The program was mostly designed by Honda. "They wanted it to be big," according to Maureen Biggers, assistant dean of students in the CoC.

The length of the program, however, was limited, as the nickel metal hydride battery in ASIMO only affords the robot a half hour of power.

It remains to be seen what ties Tech will have with Honda or ASIMO in the future.

Right now, ASIMO is in the midst of its 18-month national tour of educational institutions and facilities across the United States, which includes other well-known universities such as Stanford, Purdue and Ohio State.

ASIMO was designed by Honda engineers to use its mobility to operate in the real world.

The robot's movement mimics that of a human. Honda's goal is for the robot to help the elderly and handicapped who have dif-

ficulty with menial tasks around the house.

Thus, ASIMO is designed to be friendly, standing a mere four feet tall and weighing only 115 pounds. The possibility of seeing ASIMO in the home, however, is still at least 10 years down the line.

Honda is now working on more functions for ASIMO. They have completed elementary face and gesture recognition that ASIMO can use to take in visual commands.

Honda is also working on making ASIMO able to get up without aid when it falls.

Though still in development, and far from being marketable, ASIMO is a highly publicized technology, and many have seen what it can do on TV.

Even with ASIMO's known presence on television, the demonstration was still worth going to, according to

third-year Industrial Design major Justin Schwartzhoff. "There was a huge difference seeing it here versus on TV," he said.

The program showcased how friendly and helpful the robot could be around the house by helping those with difficulty getting around.

However, some may still have lingering doubts about using a mechanized assistant. William Hudson, a first-year Industrial Engineering major, said, "The idea of becoming responsible and reactive to a completely inanimate object is disturbing."

"I think we used it as an opportunity to reach out to the community in a way that is perhaps novel."

Aaron Bobick
Director, GVU in CoC



By Shelley Robinson / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Grand Opening: Michael Edwards, director of Campus Recreation, speaks about the newly completed Campus Recreation Center. The CRC hosted a grand opening celebration in its main lobby Wednesday afternoon to mark the completion of the SAC II construction project, which began in 2001.

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has been to emphasize the importance for campus organizations to look towards additional sources of funding...before coming to SGA to request money through a bill or budget," Andersen said. "The Organizational Funding Guide is an extension of this effort and serves as a great step forward for organizational finance, since its main purpose is

to assist organizations in finding funding outside of the limited SGA budget," Andersen added. Phuong began work on the guide last year with Ben Lawder, who at the time served as vice president of campus affairs. She said that "this is 'Phase I' of the process. We expect to lengthen the guide book."

Along with updating the guide, Phuong said that SGA would like to make it more accessible. SGA plans to coordinate with the President's Council, which has a similar guide

("Georgia Tech Student Organizations Manual") available from a link on the leadership.gatech.edu website, to "come up with a comprehensive list of what each department has in terms of resources."

"This will allow it [the guide book] to be instantly accessible to student organizations and their officers," Andersen said. "[S]ince we see this guide as a work in progress, placing it online means that students will only be a mouse click away from the most recent version."

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Poetic License: British poet Dean Parkin recites a poem in the Clary Theater Tuesday, Sept. 28. Parkin, along with Naomi Jaffa and Neil Rollinson brought their art to students as part of the Ivan Allen College's Poetry at Tech series.

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referring to a petition SGA is distributing among the student body this week through Monday. Students can sign on to express their displeasure with state budget cuts.

Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, brought a stack of the petitions to the meetings for representatives to take and distribute as they could. "I want to see every sheet out of here, gone, signed fully, and back," she said.

Twenty-nine of Georgia's 34 colleges have agreed to participate in the petition drive, Phuong said.

The undergraduates then moved on to a lengthy list of bills up for consideration.

In order to help expedite the process, the first bill considered was a special rule of order proposed by Earth and Atmospheric Sciences representative Hunter

Oates. The rule limited speaking times for each bill up for consideration. The measure quickly passed with little discussion.

A set of tabled bills also aided in expediting the night's meeting.

One of the largest measures to be tabled was a request from TEAM Buzz for roughly \$1,200. Katie Graybeal, club representative, said the funds requested were to offset a cost absorbed by the club as a result of a miscommunication with SGA.

Graybeal said she had been under the impression from talking with SGA last year that funds the club did not use from last year's allocations could be rolled over to this year. As such, the team made some \$3,500 of credit card purchases under this assumption.

However, when Graybeal contacted SGA about this roll-over this year, she was told it did not pass. TEAM Buzz was able to cancel most of its orders,

but remained unable to cancel \$1,200 worth.

After some discussion, representatives elected to table the bill in order to find out more about the cause and nature of the miscommunication.

In addition, a \$500 joint allocation to Students of Objectivism was tabled to allow the club time to get more information about its event, as details were lacking due to last minute changes beyond the club's control.

Other bills were considered as quickly as possible, often being amended per Joint Finance Committee recommendations.

Such bills included a \$14,540 allocation to the Rowing Club for a new boat, oars and amplification system.

UHR also allocated some \$4,500 to the Chinese Students for their Mid-Autumn Festival, to be held in the Ferst Center this year. The expected attendance is around 1,200.

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is working."

Other incoming senators were pleased with the turnout.

According to Chemistry senator Siddhartha Maheshwary, who received 11 votes, the voter turnout "exceeded my expectations."

David said that the trends of this year have not differed from previous years.

"For the graduate student

elections, [low turnout] follows the general trend. If there is no other competition for a specific senate position, then all that is necessary is to get your lab mates to vote, and you have won the seat," he said.

The senate held its first meeting this past Tuesday, swearing in all newly elected officers. Vacant positions will be filled by appointments in the coming weeks' meetings.

"If a seat is not vacant in a particular school, a certain num-

ber of senators can be appointed at-large, but there is a limit as to how many can come from a single school," Norville said.

Overall, David believed that the election "went well," yet he felt that there were some changes needed for next year's graduate senate election.

"It's always been traditionally difficult getting all the [Senate] seats filled...and so, it is something that we will continue trying to improve on in the future," he said.

Tech offers CRC as alternative to meet Barbell Club's needs.

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expanding hours of access.

"The Institute is willing to work with the club to have it continue as an outstanding organization," Edwards said. "We appreciate the difficulty of this decision, but it is our strong hope that the Barbell Club will...work with us to help meet their needs as a student organization."

Barbell Club members however, are not prepared to accept either the CRC's invitation or their eviction from their current premises, and have instead launched a "Save the Barbell Club" campaign. Many members are incensed, and everything from lengthy tirades to passionate pleas to information on the club's history and activities have been sent to Institute administrators and faculty.

News of the club's plight has also spread throughout the student population. According to Michael Kim, President of Barbell Club and member of Pi Kappa Alpha, because a large percentage of club members are brothers from the nearby fraternities, the Greek community at Tech is especially riled. An email sent out this Tuesday by the Inter-Fraternity Council to all fraternity presidents encouraged Greek involvement in the issue. "Since a majority of [the Barbell Club's] members are Greek," read the email, "it would have a huge impact on our community."

"In the 48 years I've been at Georgia Tech," said George Slayton, Barbell Club manager, "I've seen so many things done that have just walked all over students, and this is something I just can't stand to see."

Club members are demanding that the Athletic Association take another look at its options. Among the alternatives pointed out by the club is moving volleyball competitions to the Coliseum where lockers are, instead of moving lockers to where the games are.

The club is also asking that the AA take another look at adding onto or renovating other spaces in O'Keefe, which currently contains various occupants such as GTRI, the Facilities Department and the Modern Languages Department. The club offered to donate \$25,000 of its own funds to the AA to assist in any construction needed for the locker room if it is allowed to stay in its current location.

"There are other solutions," Slayton said. "They don't have to take away the Barbell Club."

According to Thompson, who also holds the title of Athletic Association treasurer and who directly oversees budget and finance issues for the AA, the alternatives suggested by the Barbell Club are simply too costly for the AA to afford even with the \$25,000 offer, or are logistically difficult.

"We went through a big discus-

sion," Thompson said, "but the Coliseum is heavily used by both men's and women's basketball for not just their games, but also their practices. To squeeze in another volleyball venue...the scheduling requirements for practice times and game times just wouldn't work."

Also, the volleyball team is known to be very fond of their space in O'Keefe. "It's more conducive to their sport...they don't like to play in the Coliseum," Thompson said.

Though no firm estimates were made for cost of renovation or annexation, Thompson maintained that building onto O'Keefe would be not only costly, but next to impossible because of O'Keefe's historical status. "It's an old building and it's historic. In order to try to get someone to even allow you to modify a historic building is almost impossible," he said.

The Barbell Club is not without history of its own. One of the oldest and largest student organizations on campus, the Barbell club has been in existence since the mid-1950s.

Relocated twice since their beginnings in the basement of the Tech YMCA (now the Alumni House) the Barbell Club has called its cur-

"I've seen so many things done that have just walked all over students, and this is something I just can't stand..."

George Slayton
Barbell Club manager

rent facilities home for the past 25 years. Consisting of eight workout rooms, a dressing and shower room, two restrooms and an office, the club boasts over \$150,000 in weight lifting and aerobic equipment.

With a club-reported average of 900 student members and over 100 faculty, staff and alumni members a year, nearly every 1 in 10 undergrads is a Barbell Club member.

Though dominated by males, the club is has more than a dozen female members as well.

According to Slayton, 10 years ago the Barbell Club was faced with a similar proposal from the Athletic Association. A representative of the AA indicated to Slayton the desire of the AA to "take the upper half of the Barbell Club...to be used as a dressing room, shower and training room for the women's volleyball team," Slayton said. But when the AA realized the bad publicity that would be created by such a decision, they backed down.

"I don't know what happened in 1990," Thompson said. "I wasn't here, and I'm not concerned about that."

Thompson stressed that the club's position is much different now, with

the availability of the new CRC facilities.

"I expect that they [the Barbell Club] are in a transition. The CRC didn't have the facilities they have until this summer. In the previous years that [Barbell Club] was all they had. Now, all of a sudden, there's the CRC with 190 machines and more coming."

With the CRC also willing to make changes for the club, Thompson hopes that club members will "try to work with us to see if we can't come up with a win-win [situation], instead of a lose-lose."

During the construction of the CRC, the Barbell Club opened its doors free of charge to all members of the Tech community during the interim when the SAC/CRC had to close its doors.

Now, despite the opening of the brand-new, state-of-the-art workout facilities at the CRC, Barbell Club members are still willing to pay the \$50 yearly membership fee in order to enjoy certain membership benefits, including 24/7 key access to the club.

The club's proximity to East Campus, especially Fraternity Row, is also a large draw to its members, as is the no-frills atmosphere of the gym, which is notably more masculine than the, as Slayton puts it, "commercial spa" atmosphere found at the CRC. The club is often filled with loud music, and the guys there occasionally work out shirtless.

It is not that he dislikes the CRC, said Paul Evans, a Barbell Club member and second-year Industrial Engineering major who lives on West Campus, but it's that he likes the Barbell Club better, even if it does mean a longer walk.

Like many members of the Barbell Club, where friendships and bonds are vital, Evans mostly works out with his buddies, and because of varying schedules, they often go to the gym at odd hours.

"Last semester we used to go around 12 or one a lot of the time," Evans said. Indicating crowding and the lack of late hours at the CRC as reasons, Evans added, "If the club got torn down, I probably wouldn't be working out as regularly."

Breaking the Bubble



A lot of things went on outside the bubble of Tech in the past week. Below are summaries of a few of the important events taking place throughout the nation and the world.

How to make \$40,000 by age four

Marla Olmstead may very well be the next Mozart...in painting that is. At the tender age of four, Marla, a native of Binghamton, N.Y. has already hosted her first gallery show, created a stir in the art community and in her home town, and sold over 24 paintings at a total of nearly \$40,000—a number far greater than she can even comprehend, much less count to.

Marla's father is an amateur painter who started letting Marla play-paint with him at the age of one. By age three, Marla's creations were being displayed in a local coffee shop, and selling, at a starting price of \$250. Now, a year later, Marla's paintings go for \$6,000 each, with a waiting list of customers eager to buy the next masterpiece by this child prodigy.

Leno announces he will retire in 2009

Monday on the "Tonight Show," Leno announced his plans to retire when his contract with NBC is over in 2009. Leno also announced that his successor to the "Tonight Show" will be "Late Night" show host Conan O'Brien. According to entertainment insiders, the announcement was made five years early in order to avoid the unfortunate parting of ways between Leno and Letterman after Johnny Carson announced his retirement in 1991. After NBC gave Leno first dibs on the "Tonight Show," Letterman left the network for his own show on CBS.

According to Leno, who will be 59 in five years, part of the reason he is leaving the show after his contract has expired is because he had made a promise to his wife Mavis that he would take her out to dinner before he turned 60.

Iraqi elections to continue as planned

Despite concerns from international leaders and the continuing violence at home, Iraqi leaders, with the support of the Bush administration, say they are firmly set in their goal of holding elections this January. Late last week, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld voiced concern that only partial elections could be held, ones that would exclude the most dangerous parts of the country.

"Let's say you tried to have an election and you could have it in three-quarters or four-fifths of the country, but in some places you couldn't because the violence was too great," Rumsfeld said at a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing. "Well, so be it. Nothing's perfect in life, so you have an election that's not quite perfect. Is it better than not having an election? You bet."

Oil prices rise above \$50 a barrel

Oil prices set a record high Tuesday, as the price per barrel broke the \$50 mark. Saudi Arabia responded to the high oil prices by announcing Tuesday that it would increase oil production from 9.5 million barrels a day to 11 million barrels a day in an effort to stabilize prices.

'Nique: French for...something

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Quote of the week:

"To be confident that you are ignorant
 is a great step towards knowledge."
 —Benjamin Disraeli

OUR VIEWS CONSENSUS OPINION

Negotiate

School administrators recently informed the Barbell Club that it would have to vacate its facilities in the O'Keefe building to accommodate the women's varsity volleyball team.

According to a review performed by independent consultants, the volleyball team needs to have locker rooms in their practice facilities in order to remain in compliance with NCAA rules and regulations.

Currently, the volleyball team practices and plays in O'Keefe but uses the locker facilities in the coliseum. The Athletic Association (AA) plans to convert the Barbell Club's space into locker room space for the volleyball team and away teams. The AA and administrators have told club members that the Campus Recreation Center (CRC) will be a suitable fitness alternative for its members.

However, administrators have failed to recognize that the CRC is a poor substitute for the club's current facilities. The reason hundreds of students pay an additional \$50 each year is because the CRC is unable to accommodate the fitness needs of the club's members. Members are unable to workout 24/7 at the CRC. They can at O'Keefe. The organization has invested over \$150,000 in equipment to insure that its members have access to the weightlifting equipment that the CRC lacks. It is also the most easily accessible facility to East Campus.

The administration is wrong to view the Barbell Club as an ordinary club that could easily shift operations to the CRC. It is an unique organization defined by the facility. If O'Keefe becomes off-limits, the Barbell Club will cease to exist in anything like its present form, and members will have lost their power of choice on campus.

The administration has callously dismissed the club by not including them in the decision-making process from the beginning. While we recognize the need to support a nationally-ranked volleyball team, the club should have been an active participant in all discussions regarding the future of O'Keefe. They should have received warning about a possible move before any decisions were finalized.

Unfortunately, there does not appear to be an easy solution to this problem. The AA cannot easily or cheaply build more space onto the gym. While hosting volleyball matches in the coliseum would accommodate more fans to the sold-out games, the team prefers to play in the more action-packed gymnasium setting. Scheduling would also be difficult, as both men's and women's basketball hosts games in the coliseum.

While there may not be a quick fix, representatives of the various groups involved have to sit down and negotiate. Only by working with the club can an equitable solution be achieved.

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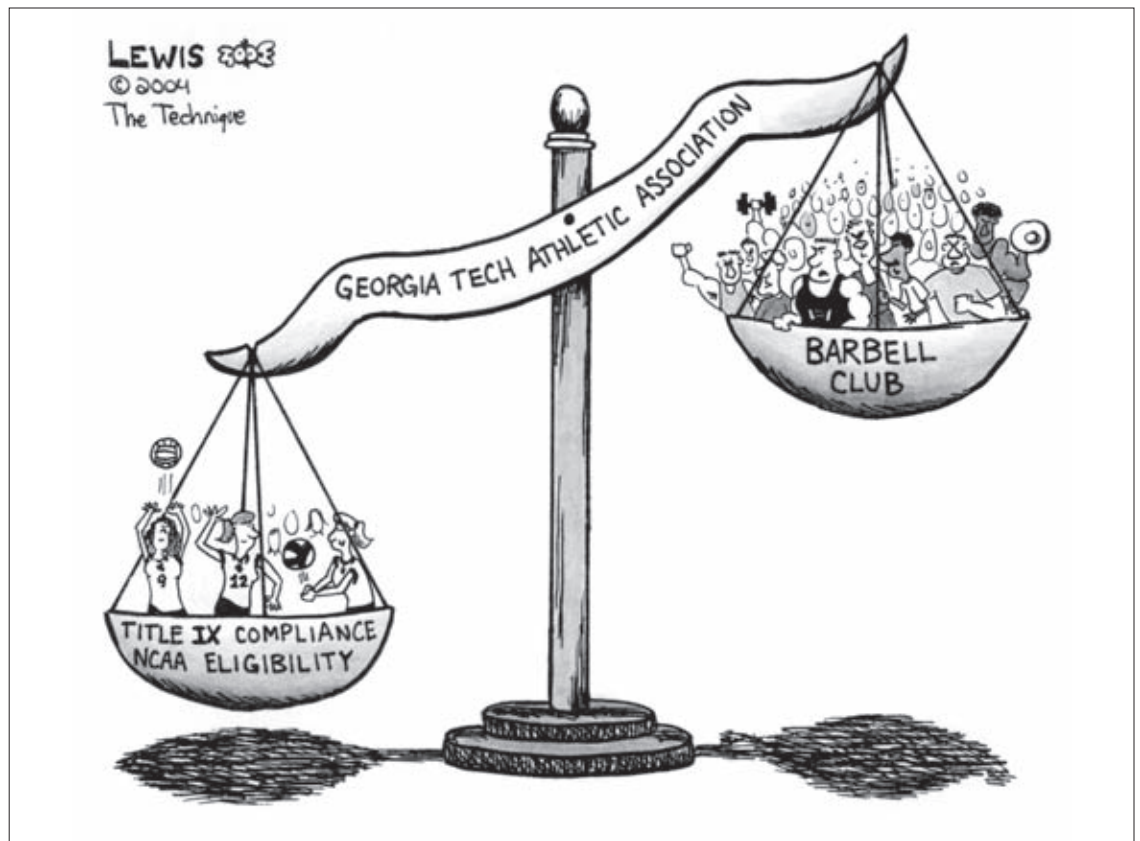
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By Brian Lewis / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Base your vote on cold hard facts

"Bush is the worst president ever!"

Boy, have I heard *that* comment tossed around a lot. I respect the free expression of opinion, but try as I might, I cannot fathom why Bush should incite this level of wrath from so many people. I think it's a little unfair to condemn our president in this way without a proper analysis of his 42 predecessors. A quick glance at my high school United States history book reveals that, yes, past presidents have done things worse than Bush has.

This is but one example of how people tend to draw quick conclusions based on insufficient or biased information, and this year's election is a fertile breeding ground for that sort of ignorant behavior. With America in one of its more polarized eras and the outcome of the election hinging on a few key states, you can bet the level of mudslinging and propaganda over the next month will be especially high. The Tech community is an intelligent bunch, so I'm probably preaching to the choir here, but it's vital, especially with so many hot-button issues at stake this year, to really do your homework and put both candidates under the microscope. What have their accomplishments and failures been so far? What evidence is there that they will be an effective leader for the next four years? Most importantly, where does each candidate stand on the issues most important to you?

What's critical is to ignore much of the misplaced emphasis from both parties and concentrate on the facts. For instance, I don't care about Kerry's war record. I'm interested in what his policies are and how he will go about implementing them if elected into office.

I also urge you to look for this information from unbiased sources of news, such as Reuters or PBS. Don't let some conservative cable news station explain to you how Kerry is



"But I want hard evidence why I should support your candidate, not insults hurled at the opposing party..."

Joshua Cuneo
 Assistant Online Editor

the devil incarnate or a liberal one state that he's a godsend. Most of the media attempts to attract customers with entertainment and shock value at the expense of objective journalism, and it's often one of the biggest sources of misinformation in this country.

I hasten to add that I do support the rigorous campaigning by both parties this year, even here on campus. I applaud that kind of political involvement, especially from students, and if supporters of a particular candidate want to sit and explain to me why one candidate is a better choice over the other, that's fantastic. But I want hard evidence why I should support your candidate, not insults hurled at the opposing party or prophecies of doom should the other candidate be voted into office.

That being said, I do understand how frustrating it can be at times to sit and frustrate to an opposing point of view. Many feel that their opinion is the correct one and the one the government must follow to keep the country—and in some cases the international community—intact. It's especially difficult this year, with so many voters claiming that the future of our civil liberties, our jobs and even the lives of our soldiers are on the line with this election.

Nevertheless, I have faith that Tech students, at least, will vote for the candidate whose platform and party best gels with their own philosophies, not against the candidate

who propaganda has told them will mean this country's demise. There are a number of key issues in the election that will directly affect college students nationwide, and I think Tech is keenly aware of this. Whereas others may argue that the relative lack of political activity on campus compared to other colleges is a sign of apathy, I say that members of the Tech community are simply a little more thoughtful and introspective in evaluating their own stances on the issues.

In the end, though, we have two candidates who will lead America in two very popular yet very different directions, and it's up to the public (including this campus) to decide which one.

That's how the democratic system is designed to work, and if November's results match the common sentiment at the time regarding Kerry and Bush and their respective politics, then the system will still be functioning as intended. Whether your candidate wins or loses in November, it's important to remember that and maintain your faith in our government.

Maybe you'll vote for Bush. Maybe you'll vote for Kerry. Or maybe you'll just do what my grandmother does and vote for Abraham Lincoln as a write-in. In any case, just make sure your vote is well-informed.

As for me, I'll definitely be mailing in my absentee ballot this year. It will be for either Kerry or Bush, but I won't tell you which one.

Explore on-campus forms of entertainment

As the entertainment editor, it seems only fitting that I make my opinion known about something related to what I work with on a daily basis. I'll be candid here for a moment and confess that a very large part of what convinced me to come to Tech had to do with the great music scene here in Atlanta.

I've always been really into seeing bands live and discovering new types of music. Living in Atlanta, I felt, would increase my opportunities to do so.

There are several places within a reasonable distance of campus where any entertainment junkie can get his or her fix. Whether you're into live concerts like me or art films, visual art or something else entirely, there is someplace that caters to your interests.

However, it may come to a surprise to some that you don't even have to leave campus to get an occasional movie or music fix. There are all sorts of cool events that go on all the time. Take, for example, Live Lunch. You've probably seen the signs advertising it in the Student Center, but you've probably never checked it out, right?

Okay, I hadn't checked it out until about halfway through my second semester at Tech, either. My excuse probably is the same as most of you; I had class. One Wednesday, though, my 11 a.m.



"If you really think that nothing fun goes on around here, you need to be more adventurous..."

Hillary Lipko
Entertainment Editor

class was cancelled and instead of hiking back to my dorm, I decided to check out the Music Listening Room in the student center.

I'd forgotten entirely about Live Lunch; I was just looking for a place to relax for an hour before I had to head off to another class. While I relaxed in the MLR's rather cozy environment, a local musician treated me and the few others present to a pleasant acoustic performance.

There is a plethora of other regular entertainment events on campus as well. Movies are shown in the Student Center almost regularly, and while most of the movies are already available for purchase, there is still a certain element of fun seeing it on a big screen. Occasionally, art and foreign films are screened as well. Last year Buzz Studios, a student filmmaking organization, premiered its first feature-length film, *John's Blender*.

Quite possibly some of the most exciting events that happen on campus, however, are those that only happen once a year or once in your entire time at Tech. Annual events such as Sting Break bring big-name bands to Tech. Last year, Fuel headlined the Sting Break concert that was held in Yellow Jacket Park. Several other smaller performances were held at the Campanile throughout the week.

There is of course a good share of pretty lame events here on campus as well. The organizers of these events mean well I'm sure, but these events just don't manage to grab the interest of students as much as they could have hoped. Fortunately, the extent of the lameness of most of the events I've been aware of has been in the name only.

Take for instance the long-awaited and much delayed grand opening of the Student Center Commons. CNB Seen? Say what?

The festivities that I was able to partake of were a lot of fun but the turnout really left something to be desired. I think that people saw the signs but really had no idea what was going on.

I have a slight edge when it comes to the entertainment goings-on around campus. Regardless of poor choices in name or obscurity in scheduling or placement, I get pretty good insight into events before they occur.

However, since I doubt that the general student body wants to wade through the volume of email that I have to wade through regarding every little event on campus, there's not really any way that everyone can have that sort of insight.

Sure, most of that information is readily available online as well but only the most hardcore of the entertainment junkies on campus are going to hunt that down.

So what do I suggest, you ask? I say check out some of the random stuff you see chalked on Skiles Walkway, wander by events set up outdoors and see what's going on. Check out the board at the box office every now and then.

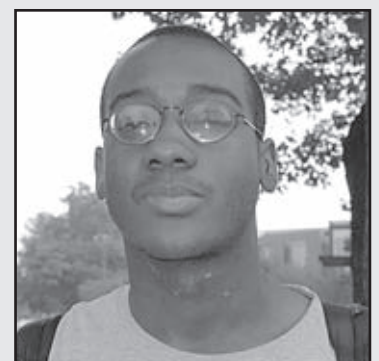
If you really think nothing fun goes on around here, you need to be a little more adventurous or pay more attention. You'd be surprised.

BUZZ Around the Campus What's your favorite on-campus pastime?



Nick Sherman
ChemE Third-year

"Sleeping."



Stephen Congo
CS Fourth-year

"The Music Listening Room."



Hannah Muchnick
ME Fourth-year

"Sitting by the fountain."



Anees Mawani
PSYCH First-year

"Going swimming at the CRC."

Photos by Richard Wright

OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

HOT- or -NOT



'Canes blow into ATL

While the rest of Atlanta was braving the effects of Hurricane Jeanne, Techies braved the ticket lines for tomorrow's Miami game. Student tickets sold out by Monday afternoon. Even Good Day Atlanta is getting in the action, hosting a pep rally this morning. Hopefully when Brock Berlin and crew roll into town tomorrow, this week's excitement will carry over into the game and lift our boys to victory.



Voter apathy

In a shocking display of voter apathy, only a handful of students voted in this week's Graduate Student Senate elections. With over 5,200 graduate students on campus, it is inexcusable that GSS leaders could not get more of their constituents to vote. GSS has great power and responsibilities. Leaders need to advertise GSS meetings and encourage its members to assume a more visible role on campus.



Rock the vote

The clock's ticking—only a few more days until the Oct. 4 deadline for registering to vote in this year's presidential election in Georgia. If you haven't registered yet, we encourage you to head to the library or visit one of the many groups' tabling for the cause and register. As the MTV slogan says, choose or loose.



No nap for you

According to an email sent out to over 1,200 IE students, curling up under a blanket in the second-floor lounge gives a negative impression to visitors and prospective donors and is not encouraged. If students lose their right to power nap in the lounge, what's next? No more sleeping in classes?

YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Faculty not motivated to teach

[Editor's note: This letter responds to a Focus article on faculty tenure in the Sept. 17 issue]

While it may be true that tenure is denied to "monstrous teachers," it seems to me that tenure is granted to mediocre teachers who do well in research. Herein lies part of the reason why students are dissatisfied with their professors' teaching: professors have virtually no incentive to become excellent teachers.

An excellent teacher is one who does more than just deliver information to students in lectures and tests their ability to recall and imitate that information on exams.

"[Good] teaching requires extra time that many professors will not sacrifice because of the intense pressure to perform research."

An excellent teacher prepares creative lectures and carefully designs challenging assignments and exams that engage students in active learning and lead them to the joy of true understanding of a subject.

Such teaching requires extra time that many professors will not sacrifice because of the intense pressure to perform in research.

As long as their teaching is tolerable, a professor is not compelled or rewarded to improve.

Under such an incentive system, the quality of our education suffers.

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Barbell Club decision prompts anger, sadness

I have been a member of the Barbell Club since I've been at Tech and continue to train there. It is a 900 member club of students, faculty, and alumni. It is 25 years old this week. The barbell club has already raised over \$27,000 since Aug. 9 and continues to grow and give back to the students and school.

The B.C. recently renovated the basement of the O'Keefe building out of its own funds and now the Athletic Association has ordered the Barbell Club out with no place to relocate, effectively destroying the Barbell Club.

This is to allow the women's volleyball team of a dozen or so girls to have the entire facility for showers, etc. They already have facilities in the Coliseum. The Barbell Club has offered free memberships to the entire women's volleyball team but the Athletic Association is relentless in their pursuit to destroy the Barbell Club. Here are the reasons why I train at the Barbell Club over the CRC/SAC:

- Dumbbells go up to 150 as opposed to 120 at CRC
- B.C. has olympic bars on squat racks & cages, CRC has short bars
- B.C. has rubber insulated 45 pound plates for snatch, cleans etc. CRC does not (we were told we could use a machine)
- B.C. has a pull-up bar, CRC does not (various angled handles only)
- CRC has banned the use of climbing/gym chalk
- CRC is overly restrictive.
- CRC is overcrowded.

• CRC is in my opinion unsafe due to the low levels of experience and situational awareness among the large numbers of patrons at the CRC

- I have seen people lose control of their weights and drop the plates off of both sides of the bar on 4 separate occasions at CRC, but never at the B.C. (chalk would help but it has been banned at the CRC)
- 45-pound plates crashing and olympic bars flailing wildly is not an unexpected event at CRC but simply reinforces my disdain for training there.

The unnecessary closing of the Barbell Club to please a small few at the expense of a great many will weigh heavily on my decisions to donate money back to GT as an alumnus. I cannot state my position any stronger than this. I love Tech and I did not come here to work out at the Barbell Club, but I would like to come back here to train there. Please save the Barbell Club.

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Closing the Barbell Club would be a huge loss for Tech and its students. The Barbell Club gives students who are serious about their health and fitness the chance not only to have an uncrowded 24-hr gym but also gives them the ability to participate in the selection and purchasing of new workout equipment for the club.

Barbell Club is one of my favorite perks available to students at Tech and I believe that all other possible options should be exhausted before it is closed to Tech's students, alumni and faculty.

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It would be with a very cold heart that the AA would try to annex the Barbell Club right after the Barbell Club opened up its doors to all Tech students for the past two summers while the CRC was being constructed! This voluntary act of kindness should not be repaid to the members of the club by unilaterally shutting them down without even consulting them first.

If the AA thinks that the women's volleyball team deserves better dressing rooms than the ones they already have in the Coliseum, then they should build them! But don't shut down one of the oldest and best clubs at Tech to do it.

What's next, the AA evicts all the freshmen from their dorms to give the football team an indoor practice facility? Are they going to take over the Greek houses to give the women's softball team the dressing rooms they deserve?

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I began working at Tech just over three years ago and joined the Barbell Club as a faculty member shortly thereafter. The facility is convenient, well equipped and provides me with the type of workout facility I am looking for.

In the time I have been a member I have been able to meet students, faculty and alumni that are there for the same purpose...working out. I have come to appreciate the club for that.

While the facility is not fancy by any means, the atmosphere is all business. It is a shame that on a such a fine campus as this we cannot find an alternative to save a campus institution such as the Barbell Club. The benefit that this club provides to faculty, students and alumni over the years cannot be overstated.

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It is ridiculous to think that a club that has been around so long and has such strong support should be asked to disband for an unreasonable and illogical request.

The women's volleyball team already has better facilities in the coliseum.

If they want locker room facilities in the same location of their games, they can simply move the games to the coliseum, only use the locker rooms in the Barbell Club and not take the whole facility, or they can build locker rooms directly onto O'Keefe for the volleyball team.

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Tuition increases hurt Georgia

[Editor's Note: This letter responds to Stephen Baehl's editorial in the Sept. 17 issue.]

The potential 10 percent mid-year tuition increase is an abomination. The reason that this has never happened before is because it is blatantly unfair to students and families. Car payments and house payments don't go up in the middle of the year, why should tuition?

It is estimated that this increase will have a \$10 million impact on the HOPE Scholarship Program, hurting the program for future generations. \$10 million is no small cut; it could pay tuition for at least 700 students to go to Georgia Tech for four years.

Beyond unfairness, this represents a policy shift that abandons decades of commitment to higher education. Historically, governors in Georgia have put a strong emphasis on education at all levels. HOPE was brought to Georgians specifically to provide a chance for a quality, affordable education. After all, having only high-priced options for education is like having no options at all. The vision of HOPE was about affordability, self reliance and equal opportunity. Therefore, HOPE was Georgia's way of making that dream possible for everyone.

The most disturbing part about

this increase is that the blame *does* lie at the door of the Capitol. However, not at every door. The 2005 budget included a \$179 million payroll shift, proposed by Gov. Perdue. Essentially, the shift moved one period of pay (two weeks or one month, depending on the agency) for every agency into the next fiscal year.

Essentially, it was putting off the inevitable. Many argued that this smelled a lot like Enron accounting. A budget that included the gimmick passed the legislature and was signed by the governor in April.

A few weeks ago, the governor changed his mind and automatically created the \$179 million hole in the current operating budget, \$68 million of which must be absorbed by the University System. While I do not think our state should be borrowing chapters out of Enron's accounting manual, this is an enormous financial bait-and-switch that will be



Mark Taylor
Georgia Lt. Governor

devastating. It's hard on students, and it creates a huge dilemma for universities because many professors are hired on a contract basis. Those contracts have already been signed, classes have begun and exams have been taken. I have been a fighter for both HOPE and affordable education because I personally believe this is the right thing to do—for our state and our families.

Mr. Baehl hit the bulls-eye last week when he urged students to become more active and more vocal. I have been a fighter for both HOPE and affordable education because I personally believe this is the right thing to do—for our state and our families.

As a network of concerned students, you have the ability to make change happen. You can do this by signing the petition that is circulating among all Georgia students. You can do this with your vote in November. You can do this by calling and engaging your legislator. You can do this by calling and engaging Gov. Perdue. He needs to hear from students and families and he needs to be told that car payments and house payments don't go up in the middle of the year and neither should tuition.

Mark Taylor, Georgia Lt. Gov.
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Taxpayers should not bear tuition burden

In last week's *Technique*, the editors raised the topic of Governor Perdue's increasing the portion of the total cost that students pay. While I agree completely that Tech is a first rate place for higher learning, there are a couple significant aspects of the issue that the editorial did not cover.

First, from a global view, in this rich country we sometimes lose perspective that a university education is a real luxury. Even in Europe, only about 15 percent of the people attend a university in the largest economies, while I have heard figures of about 30 percent in the United States.

Second, we need to keep in mind the source of the dollars that make up the government's budget. These dollars are

paid from the incomes of people who are working hard to support families and who have important needs of their own. Thus, there is definitely a sacrifice involved here. Furthermore, these are forced payments. If someone who earns an income doesn't pay taxes, he or she will be locked up in jail and/or be kicked out of his home onto the street so the house can be foreclosed. Thus, from a basic rights perspective, these dollars come at a very high cost.

While some may argue that this is an excellent cause, there are a lot of other people who have causes of their own that they believe other people should fund. As a result, this country has started going down the slippery slope where government spending has increased from less than 10 percent of the GDP pre-1930

to about 45 percent currently.

Now we have a huge government debt, a social security scheme that is projected to be bankrupt, out of control medical spending and countless wasteful programs.

As future taxpayers, we will likely have to pay large chunks of our income to cover other people's expenses with little to show for afterwards. There is also a very real risk that the poor spending ability of the government could bring about a financial collapse in this country. There is no question that Tech is a great deal. However, we also need to remember the bigger picture.

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Resnet, OIT deserve more credit

[Editor's Note: This letter responds to the Hot-or-Not "Internet goes AWOL" in the Sept. 24 issue.]

I believe it is necessary to set the record straight about the great job ResNet and OIT did in restoring network services on the morning of Sept. 22. ResNet works hand-in-hand with OIT to provide the best residential internet service at any public university in America. Although we strive to have uninterrupted network service, problems do occur. It is how these difficulties are dealt with that defines the customer service provided by ResNet and OIT. At approximately 12:40 a.m. the registration database failed in a way not seen before. The failure caused network components to incorrectly route network traffic. Dedicated ResNet RTAs who live and work in campus Residence Halls responded immediately to the problem and contacted the 24-hour OIT staff. Once it was clear that the outage was disturbing network access across campus, a Scanning

Technology for Automated Registration, Repair and Response Tasks (STAR³T) developer was contacted by phone. By 1:33 a.m. the problem was resolved and full network access was restored to all

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residents shortly thereafter. The following morning the problem was recreated in the STAR³T development environment and a solution to prevent a reoccurrence was found and implemented. To imply that our residents' "internet goodies were suddenly taken away" was inaccurate reporting. This outage was not the

result of a planned downtime. It was not ignored but resolved as quickly as possible. Resolving a problem of this scope and nature in the middle of the night in less than an hour is what I consider great service.

The devoted response of student ResNet employees and the willingness of a fast asleep OIT employee helped restore academic and recreational network access for the remainder of the early morning hours. Each person did their part better than anyone could expect. When outages occur, we respond and resolve the problem as quickly as possible. ResNet and OIT did that, and I am proud of the job each person did. ResNet remains committed to providing up-to-date details about outages past and planned on our website (www.resnet.gatech.edu) for the benefit of our residents.

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MIAMI MATCH-UP

The last time Tech played Miami was at the 1999 Gator Bowl. How are the Jackets looking this time around? **Page 36**

THIS AIN'T *FINDING NEMO*

Will Smith, Robert DeNiro and Angelina Jolie are just a few of the stars lending their voices to the animated film *Shark Tale*. **Page 23**



Serving with Honor



Brown's death prompts reflection on military lifestyle

By Joshua Cuneo
Senior Staff Writer

When alumnus Tyler Brown was killed in Iraq three weeks ago, the entire Tech community was visibly shaken.

Faculty, staff and students who knew him gave deep, powerful eulogies at a memorial last week, and those who were closest shared anecdotes that were a testament to his character and accomplishments.

"I will never ever ever in my life forget the night that he brought in his picks for appointments [for the] various...committees," said Chris Young, an alumnus who graduated in 2000 with a degree in History, Technology and Society. Young, currently a Special Assistant and Personal Aide to Governor Sonny Perdue, served as Vice President of the Student Government Association when Brown was President.

"The line started at the front by the table...and formed a complete circle all the way around. In that group were freshmen, sophomores, juniors [and] seniors from various races and ethnicities, from almost all majors across campus, guys and girls," he said.

According to Young, this reflected the powerful influence that his leadership exerted on the student body at the time. Young predicted that qualities like these could have led Brown into a position in

business or politics or some other aspect of public service.

"He had that ability to connect with people. Part of it was his smile. Part of it was the genuineness with which he approached people," Young said.

Brown also had aspirations to be a husband and father.

"[Brown] came from a very strong family," Young said. "Family to him was one of the cornerstones of his life."

But first, Young said, Brown felt his calling was to serve in the armed forces, a natural segue from his involvement in the ROTC. Brown, a 1st Lt., was killed on Sept. 14 in Ar Ramadi when enemy forces using small arms fire attacked his unit. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry, based at Camp Hovey in Tongduchon City, Korea.

In fact, because Brown was killed in combat, his passing touched another group of students just as deeply: his fellow soldiers.

"When you hear about that type of

thing, it kind of bothers all of us, because we all did our time in that region," said Gregory Lacy, a systems support specialist at the Office of Information Technology.

Lacy, a sergeant in Unit 277 out of Kenesaw, served in Kuwait for a year providing force protection to American troops. "We think that at any time, it could be one of us," he said.

"Every time a soldier dies, whether it's local or on the news, it's always going to be closer to home."

Greg Lacy
OIT employee and veteran

Many of the soldiers who served or are still serving in Iraq forged a personal bond with one another, which makes news of the death of one all the more troubling to the rest.

Lacy recalls spending time with the troops before they were transported over the border to Iraqi territory, and LaQuanta Person, a fifth-year Management major who served in Iraq, refuses to even watch the news for fear of hearing of a friend's demise.

In light of Brown's memorial, Person said, "Emotionally and psychologically, I wasn't prepared to cope with [it], considering what I have seen...over there with actually going to memorial ceremonies where they would just have their boots and

their weapon and their dog tags hanging on a cross."

Person, a reserve officer and sergeant, spent a year handling logistics, supplies and personnel in Iraq.

"Every time a soldier dies, whether it's local or on the news, it's always going to be closer to home," Lacy said. "[Brown's death] put a local face on it."

The student body includes dozens of reserve officers pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees, and those who have not already served in Iraq may be called up for duty in the near future. A student who is activated presents his or her orders to the registrar, who will promptly withdraw the student from all classes and offer a full refund on tuition.

Students will often return to school to finish their degree, sometimes with a renewed academic focus. But for officers like Person and Lacy, there is a period of readjustment first.

"I stayed at my parents' home in rural Alabama for the summer, so there you had all the peace and the quiet in the world," she said. Vacations following a period of deployment help soldiers unwind from the high-strung atmosphere of the war zone before re-entering civilian life.

"You're in a different zone. You're in

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Donor support provides solid “Foundation”

By Jennifer Schur
Executive Editor

Upon entering the Georgia Tech Foundation's fourth floor office in the Economic Development Institute (EDI), I was welcomed by my name, splayed in large, gold letter-

ing across an LCD screen above the receptionist's desk. Taking a closer look at the clean wood flooring and the well-appointed walls, it is clear that wealth feels at home here.

That's a good thing, because the Georgia Tech Foundation (GTF) exists to support the Institute finan-

cially, with the goal of increasing the value of a Tech education.

Though the not-for-profit Foundation is a completely separate legal entity and does not receive any government money, it does consult with the Institute's president to determine where to direct certain funds.

The Foundation, started in 1932, earns most of its money from gift donations and investment returns, generally from endowments, stocks and other investments.

Last year, over \$102 million in assets were given in support of Tech, and the Foundation earned a 17 percent total investment return.

Although the Foundation plays a large role in funding many of the aspects of our time at Tech, students are mostly unaware that such an organization even exists—let alone how it operates, the rules that govern its actions, and to what extent it creates an added value to our education.

Though the Foundation rolls in the big bucks, its ability to allocate that money is limited.

The Foundation cannot, for example, prevent Tech from having to increase tuition, a question that might arise in light of recent budget cuts.

It also does not supplement funds that the state takes away from Tech, as this could create a slippery slope for under-funding by the state.

Instead, the Foundation provides

funds for programs where the state does not.

John Carter, president and CEO of the Foundation, explained. “If the state cuts the budget, so the Board of Regents decides to raise tuition, then if the Foundation has any extra money through any of our formulas, growth and assets, we will be

more inclined to provide scholarships. You lower the budget and increase tuition, you put the burden on students, and then we might provide more need-based scholarships.”

Additionally, much of the donated money is earmarked for specific uses, further limiting where the expenditures can be directed.

A formula determines how much of the “unrestricted funds,” monies that are not already specified, can be spent each year.

For example, in 2005, \$26 million will be spent. Part of that sum goes toward the Foundation's operating budget and also funds part of the Alumni Association budget, leaving around \$18 million to directly

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John Carter
President, GT Foundation



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Though it is a separate legal entity, the Georgia Tech Foundation funds many of the Institute's projects and scholarships—including Technology Square, which took four years to plan, finance and build.

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Peer leader takes programming to new heights

By Brian Srikanthana
Contributing Writer

Soaring 2,500 feet over the heads of your fellow classmates and the entire Tech community is probably not your usual Sunday activity—but that is exactly what 11 freshmen were invited to do one sunny afternoon on September 12.

Stephen Castillo, a peer leader in Glenn Residence Hall and second-year Building Construction major, came up with the idea of taking his freshmen residents flying.

According to Castillo, the motivation for pursuing the activity came from his living experience as a freshman last year.

"I deprived myself freshman year," he said. Castillo lived in a sophomore dormitory, one in which, he said, "the doors were always closed."

The austere environment of Castillo's dorm last year led him to want to provide a different experience for new students—and flying around Atlanta seemed to be just the thing.

Luckily for Castillo, setting up the adventure was not difficult, especially since the section's Freshmen Partner (FP), Guillermo Zavala, is a pilot.

Zavala, a current Ph.D. student at Tech, earned a piloting license through his training in the Yellow Jacket Aviation Club.

The Residence Hall Association helped fund the activity by

matching funds garnered among the freshmen. Each of the planes, Cessna-172s, cost around \$70 per hour total—a bargain compared to local competitors' prices, made possible because the planes belong to Tech's Aviation Club, a non-profit organization.

The inside of the planes were "really small and cramped...about the size of trucks," according to Mike Nucci, a first-year Aerospace Engineering major.

"Unlike corporate airliners, we traveled at a lower altitude," Nucci said. "It was really cool, [though] a lot bumpier, and the sound was louder. The bumps caught me by surprise, but you get used to them."

Through flying, Castillo wanted to show freshmen, especially those new to the city, that Atlanta has a beautiful landscape—that there is more than just row after row of skyscrapers.

"There are a lot more trees than you'd think," Nucci, a native of Pennsylvania, said. "You really don't notice that kind of stuff."

Zavala flew the freshmen over downtown Atlanta and up north to Lake Lanier, finally arriving back at Fulton County Airport within an hour. He has been flying since December 1999. Currently Zavala goes flying nearly every weekend.

"It's a thrilling experience every time you go in the air," Zavala said. "You have to be up there, free



Photo courtesy Stephen Castillo

Freshman Partner Guillermo Zavala, a Tech Ph.D. student and licensed pilot, took Glenn Hall residents flying in a Cessna-172 this past month. Zavala flew the group over Atlanta and north to Lake Lanier.

to move up and down. There's a freedom feeling because you can do anything—well, practically anything."

Zavala added, "It's a different perspective. It's great to see all the places you know from down there."

Castillo and Zavala met at a Ramblin' Nights event in 2003. They formed a friendship through their shared interests in flying and sailing. This commonality ultimately led to a partnership in the Freshmen Experience (FE) program this year.

Castillo's plans for future activi-

ties include seeing Georgia by water and land.

He hopes to take a group sailing at Lake Lanier soon, and give a tour of Atlanta that includes a trip to the Fernbank Natural History Museum, the High Museum of Art and shops along Peachtree Street and Buckhead, among other spots.

Students should "try to find unique things, and not follow everybody else," according to Castillo. "Define yourself."

With Castillo's and other PLs' involvement, the FE program will

continue to insure that freshmen are aware of the opportunities available at Tech, while helping them adjust to a college environment.

Beyond showing freshmen the Atlanta cityscape and offering practical advice, PLs help to establish students on campus. Castillo was able to assist one student who was looking for work when, after he was asked to recommend places where students could find work, his employer at the East Campus Housing Office sent out an email listing new position openings.

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Is it wrong to wish for Brock to get explosive diarrhea?
I wonder if we are allowed to post Berlin's email address...
Forgive me Red Jesus, for I have sinned.
towers of Hanoi... I curse you!!!
To that Parking Dept Assclown: Yes, I'm still going to ride my bike to/from my car in the parking deck! piss off.
I am now a published writer.
Ok so we waited in the cold for over an hour to get mitch autographs, and there he is right there signing autographs for SCPC kids, who told us to go home cause he wasn't signing autographs!
what's up david what's up what's up david what's up david jump on it... jump on it... jump on it
Could the faculty offices on the 4th floor of the Management Building be any more confusing?? I felt like a rat in a giant maze!
You do realize that it takes an act of congress to reinstate the draft, right?
An activity that takes a lot of time does not necessarily mean that it takes a lot of work.
Phuong: Balance your own budget first!
The Fifth St. bridge expansion is a total waste.

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Roommate conflicts require compromise, communication

By Emily Tate
Contributing Writer

Most freshmen find out their first semester at Tech that the soap opera they thought they left behind in high school has only followed them to college. The only difference is that now the drama is with an individual—the infamous roommate—rather than a group.

The relationships that may or may not develop between roommates can have a huge impact on academic performance, social skills and participation in extracurricular activities.

Every freshman applying for residence in the Tech community fills out an application describing their living preferences, such as smoking, sleep habits, overnight guests and cleanliness.

However, the application is fairly simple, which may prompt some students to wonder if this process is really effective in pairing students for an entire year of living together.

In addition, freshmen are not informed of who their roommate is until about a month before school begins.

According to Dan Morrison, associate director of Housing for Residence Life, despite the comparative simplicity of Tech's questionnaire, it is just as accurate

in placing roommates who can at least get along with one another. "To get more finite becomes difficult," Morrison said.

Some of the problems that students may run into with their roommates can easily be countered by taking a few simple measures.

Communication, for example, is key.

"I know roommates who IM each other [while in the same room] because they don't talk," Morrison said.

Simply talking and getting to know a roommate is a good place to begin, because communication of interpersonal problems becomes much less complicated when talking to someone who is not a

complete stranger.

Once roommates accomplish this, it is much easier to discuss the kinds of problems they have when put in a living situation together.

Even students who come in with a requested roommate can still have conflicts; knowing your roommate ahead of time has its advantages as well as disadvantages.

On one hand, living with someone you know provides a sense of comfort. On the other

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Absentee vote may shape race

By Chelsea Haddaway
The Greyhound

(U-WIRE) Loyola College, Maryland—Many students across the country, daunted by the task of registering, requesting an absentee ballot and sending their ballot back to their home state, will choose to simply take a year off of their civic duty.

"I just haven't gotten around to registering. I meant to do it before I left home, but I didn't really have enough time," said senior Kristen Gormley, adding that if she knew how to register and request an absentee ballot without leaving Baltimore, she would probably do so.

In fact, getting set up to vote isn't as difficult as many students perceive, and with few exceptions, they are generally able to register and vote in their home state elections from their computer with the help of the Internet, a printer, a little bit of time and a few stamps.

Considering that this election is gearing up to be one of the closest in recent history and the issues on the table range from the war in Iraq to stem cell research to gay marriage, the investment of a small amount of time and a few trips to the post office may well be one worth making.

"In the election before, I wasn't old enough to vote, and I feel it's my duty to vote if I want the things I want changed in America changed," said Mandy Licastro, a senior who is planning on voting. She has already

requested an absentee ballot.

According to the legendary red state/blue state map originated by *Newsweek*, students on Loyola's campus will certainly have the ability to make a difference in the election. Maryland and New York have practically already thrown

their electoral weight into John Kerry's corner. However, other states that Loyola students commonly call home are up for grabs.

New Jersey's 15 electoral votes are currently in serious contention, with the candidates separated

by four percentage points.

Pennsylvania's 21 electoral votes are locked in a standstill, with each of the two major candidates holding onto 47 percent of the state's residents.

Other swing states up for grabs include Ohio, Wisconsin, and, of course, Florida.

"The boards of election in many states are having unprecedented voter registration," said Tori Woods, co-president of the College Democrats. "This election seems to be lighting a fire under a lot of people."

Most states require that you register about a month before the election in order to vote, although this varies by state (Connecticut, for example, only requires registration material 14 days before the election).

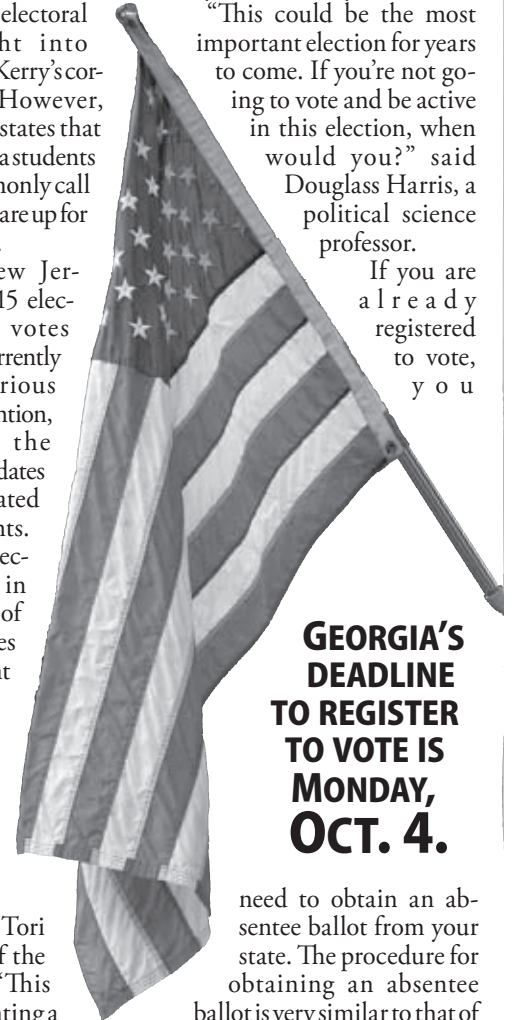
Voter registration materials are

available online at your state's election board website, as well as various other election sites including www.RocktheVote.com.

In most states you can register to vote no matter what your current age, as long as you will turn 18 by Election Day.

"This could be the most important election for years to come. If you're not going to vote and be active in this election, when would you?" said Douglass Harris, a political science professor.

If you are already registered to vote, you



**GEORGIA'S
DEADLINE
TO REGISTER
TO VOTE IS
MONDAY,
OCT. 4.**

need to obtain an absentee ballot from your state. The procedure for obtaining an absentee ballot is very similar to that of registering and can be requested from your state election board website.

Absentee ballot requests generally have to be received by your state about a week before the election.

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Dude, I am the king of Grass Party.

Miss GT Top 20: let me buy you a drink.

To dancing boy in Algorithm's class: could you sit more toward the front so more people can see your moves?

I'm only a couple of weeks late, but yes, kane is single!

sign up for TEAM Buzz community service day

www.teambuzz.org

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Tech Up Close

**CAN YOU FIGURE OUT WHERE ON CAMPUS
THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN?**

Email focus@technique.gatech.edu for a chance
to win a free student combo at Lil' Dinos.

THIS WEEK'S PHOTO:



By Chihoon Shin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



Last week's Tech Up Close:
Air vent in Management
building

Last week's winner:
Kesler Pollard

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support Tech.

Institute President Wayne Clough tells the Foundation where he would like to guide the money and confirms at the end of the year how he spent it. The Foundation then reports back to its donors how the money was used: the successes, failures and "how [the donor's] money made a difference in the lives at Georgia Tech," Carter said.

The holdings are managed, for the most part, by Carter and his small team on a day-to-day basis. Carter, a 1969 Industrial Engineering graduate, spent six years in the U.S. Navy and 16 years as the executive director of the GT Alumni Association before moving to the Foundation in 1999.

On any given day, Carter can be found slogging through the many emails he receives, or eating, talking, and meeting with important donors, trustees and alumni. Carter emphasized how much of his job is dependent on networking.

"Our business is built on relationships," he said. Making stewardship calls to thank donors and inform them of how their money was spent consumes another large chunk of Carter's time.

Carter also serves on a Board of Trustees (BOT) for the Foundation, whose 45 members include prominent businessmen and women with close ties to Tech who have typically served on other advisory boards.

Each member serves a four-year term with the possibility of completing up to two terms. Various members of the Tech community,

including Clough, nominate the trustees. The BOT looks to keep its body diverse, with members skilled in the areas of banking, real estate and finance, among others.

Seeing Technology Square through to its fruition from the first stages of its ideation has been one of the biggest, most recent accomplishments of the Foundation and its BOT.

The Foundation created the idea for Tech Square approximately four and a half years ago, when it saw the need for a facility for continuing education.

It soon became clear that a hotel and conference center, office space, a new bookstore space and a space for students—the College of Management—would also be necessary to make the project large enough to jump the expressway.

Indeed, Tech Square is the largest project ever undertaken by Tech and the Foundation. The entire project

spanned four years: two years to plan and finance, and two more years to build.

According to Carter, the next big challenge that the Foundation faces is creating more financial support and stability by structuring funding for Tech for the next 50 years.

"This work is necessary to maintain the quality of Tech's students, education, faculty and staff," he explained.

Carter neatly summed up the importance of the Foundation to the Institute as a whole and to each individual student. "[It's nice to] know there's somebody out there that has all this money that's supporting Georgia Tech. I'm going to take care of [your money]—we've done so since 1932."

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and staff."**

John Carter
President, GT Foundation

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Samurai Jack kicks so much ass!!!

I need a woman who says "Most Excellent!!"

I want me an Asimo

Woodruff S. + broken elevator + 5th_floor = me pissed off (>_<)

Saturday no girls

I always forget what I write in here, so when I go back and read the slivers, everything is suspect :o

In Soviet Russia, the timbers sliver YOU.

I Love Gooold!!!

The Bridge is going to rock!!!

I love you mario!!!

From Lynn!!!

i hear that this really hot guy is gunna be handing out prizes at teh CRC opening thing, is it true?!!?

he new sidekick 2 rocks my ass off

I think manglers for the athletic teams should be a part of the faces in the crowd, they work their butts off too

"I drive a Dodge Stratus!" ko

What do you do when you are totally upset about something and your boy/girl friend yells at you for something else?

How stupid can someone really be? COMPASSION...

I know Kimball...

Kristin: You are stupid. You are in a worthless major. And you don't belong here.

I'm a ramblin' gamblin' HELL OF A STAC MAJOR!

Just doesn't have the same ring.

i got my sliver cherry popped...hmm...yep i think that was the only cherry i had left

Wheeee drop day's almost here

Sliver = Silver. It happens. Yes. CS females do exist. *gasp* Smart guy in my CS breakout. SHUT UP. We don't want to hear it. - We KNOW you're CS. Dun have to prove it. Tour groups are fun to mes

Put Gyslain in Episode III!

wait.. so how much did you put in each one? oh man, this is not going to be a good night!!!

Park + Interstate = NOT GOOD IDEA!

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hand, there's always the possibility that living together can break up a friendship when inevitable complications arise.

According to Morrison, about 75 to 80 percent of returning students already have a roommate preference. The Department of Housing tries to place these people together, but in many cases these students are the ones who end up sending in room change forms because of problems with the person they are living with.

Nate Watkins, a first-year Economics major, and Thomas Fink, an undecided freshman, have a relationship as roommates that is representative of what most students want when it comes to the person they live with. These two freshmen have known each other since high school.

According to them, Fink is the one who will keep the room clean, while Watkins does all the laundry. Since Watkins, according to the two, is "messier," this compromise seems to make sense, and has served them well during the semester.

Another common roommate problem that is also beyond a student's control is the room itself. Many students approach the issue of

personal space by drawing a virtual line down the middle of the room, claiming one side, and avoiding the other side as much as possible. This is not recommended by the Department of Housing.

"The only thing we have problems with is the posters," Fink said.

"Yeah, we're saving that wall for when we find a cool poster that both of us can be happy with," Watkins said.

"I made it my goal to stay out of the room as much as possible."

Kevin Smith
Second-year AE major

However, there are some problems that cannot be solved by communication alone. Even if both roommates make an effort to resolve conflicts, sometimes things just can't work themselves out.

This was the case of Kevin Smith, a second-year Architecture major and a transfer student from Southern Polytechnic State University.

Smith had difficulties with his roommate as a freshman at

SPSU—proving that roommate difficulties are not specific to students at Tech.

"I made it my goal to stay out of the room as much as possible," he said.

Despite multiple efforts to make the match work, he ended up asking to be assigned to a different room.

Morrison said that this is not an uncommon situation for freshmen. However, the fact remains that not all room change requests can be granted.

This year, for example, there were 1500 room change requests, only about 70 percent of which were accommodated.

That is why peer leaders and other staff in the Department of Housing are available to deal with roommate conflicts.

"PLs are well-trained...it's one of the things we spend the most time on," Morrison said.

Knowing that Department of Housing has taken a close look at this issue and is still taking steps to make roommate situations better may be a comfort to students. However, the students must be willing to work with the roommate, and housing staff, as well.

"We have to be made aware of [the problem]," Morrison said. "It's not easy to talk when you haven't been speaking."

Appreciation for campus, school greater for those who have served

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a different mode," Lacy said. "You gotta...come back, relax, try to get yourself back to normal."

"[Over there], you're constantly waking up wondering, 'Am I going to live another day?'" Person said. "And when that day is over, you're like, 'Thank God I made it through another one. Now, let me get up and do this all over again.'"

Person said the experience helped her appreciate the importance of moral support from the American public, regardless of their opinions about the war.

"Low morale...really affects the soldiers more than anything," she said. "I was walking [around campus], and I passed by this guy...and I asked him where the Management building is, and he [said], 'No, no, I don't go here.' And my immediate thought was, 'Wow, I have put my life on the line for you.' But yet still people are over here bitter and sour, you know?...I guess some things you can't really change."

Person also had to readjust to the changes that had taken place on campus since her deployment. For instance, she did not

see the completed Technology Square until she returned to school in August.

"I was like, 'Goodness, does anyone know where anything is?'" she said. But she was pleased to be part of that transition. "It's good to see all of the changes...It really is a beautiful campus."

Both Lacy and Person feel fortunate to have survived their time in the Middle East and sympathize with those who did not.

"Anytime a soldier dies, we all feel it," Lacy said. "[We're a] band of brothers."

Brown's friends, family and fellow soldiers continue to mourn his passing and profess that great potential has been lost.

"[You] would think, okay, this person shouldn't die because of [whatever] reason," Person said, "but...bullets don't have names on them."



By Michael Skinner / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

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When being sent back, they must be postmarked no later than the day of the election and received within a certain amount of time (varying by state) in order to be considered valid.

Some states require that you vote in person the first time you vote. These states are Illinois, Michigan, Louisiana, Nevada, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

Students from these states who wish to vote in this election but do not plan on returning home to

vote should register as Maryland voters.

Registering in Maryland makes you eligible to vote in Maryland elections but not in any elections of your home state.

According to the Maryland Board of Elections, Maryland must be your "domicile," or the place that you consider to be your "official" or "permanent" home, even though it may be different from the place where you are actually living on a short-term or temporary basis. Your domicile will ordinarily be the address you use most frequently

on tax returns or other government documents.

Registering to vote in Maryland is also a logical decision if you intend to stay in Maryland after graduating.

"Sooner than we realize it's going to be our job to run the government," Wood said. "We have to start laying the groundwork on how we want the country to be run."

"Politicians know that young people are less likely to turn out to vote. As a result, they pay less attention to issues that matter to you, and, in turn, you pay less attention to them," Harris said.

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Florida Hurricanes= Crappy Georgia Weather
Come listen to the hot new band "brokensoul" do an acoustic set at Fifth Street Blues on Sunday night 10/3

Popsicle

Will someone get this walking carpet out of my... shower...?
Whoever stole my ceramic pasta bowl from the north kitchen on the first floor of Towers is a loser.

STaC Girl: I can read. I can write intelligibly. I just have no time to do that, because I have real work to do for my real classes.

Every time I think there's more to you than a pair of pushed-up loomas and a corset, you disappoint me.

what's with all the democratic anti bush comments? this is the sliver.
if you really want to make a point make an editorial or better yet STFU

Billy Joel is the best.. all this modern stuff is crap.. ex maroon 5

What happened to the playboy add?

hey robert! looks like you're growing a dry skin beard
hurricanes may have been kicking my hometown's ass the last month but we will get our revenge next saturday at 3:30!!!

FACK YOU!!!!.... rashy

ahhh the dreaded sock bunny!!!

8 drunken guys in a room watching Gladiator...but why?
once again thanks for spilling your "elixir of joy" on my backpack and calc book

Clinton/Dole '04

2 out of 100?!? how is that even possible!

PANDA, stop being a fake. You might as well admit.

white guys aren't picky, just always horny

SGA, if you thwart the tuition increse, we'll forgive you for the \$3K sign. Promise.

I love you Jordan

here's a Big HUG for everybody who's in a Long Distance Relationship!

ASIMO is the man.

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THEY GOT DA' MONEY

Learn about the Georgia Tech Foundation, the source of funding for Technology Square and more. **Page 12**

NOT-SO-SUPER D

Ben Folds's latest EP, *Super D*, plays to hardcore fans only and may not attract many new fans. **Page 21**

Ladder 49 ignites heart of cast, director

By Jessica Luza
Contributing Writer

Not only does John Travolta's latest flick *Ladder 49* entertain, but it ignites feelings of compassion and respect for firefighters around the globe.

Told in a series of flashbacks, the film chronicles the years of a young firefighter's life from the time he first joins the Ladder 49 fire station in Baltimore as a rookie, to his most recent fire call, which has left him trapped in a burning building and awaiting rescue.

In addition to seeing a preview screening of the movie, The 'Nique was lucky enough to attend a press junket for the film and sit down with

director Jay Russell (*My Dog Skip*, *Tuck Everlasting*) and three of the film's leading actors—John Travolta, Joaquin Phoenix and Robert Patrick.

The roundtable interview enabled Russell to explain the directing process, and gave the actors an opportunity to express why they chose to be a part of this heartwarming film.

Director Jay Russell was the first to openly declare "firefighters are not saints, some are far from it," but that he greatly respects them and

describes them as those who "work hard and play hard."

Travolta had positive words to say as well and added that firefighters are "just good guys. Their purposes are filled with real help and selflessness and I appreciated that even as a child."

For Travolta both the script and the role attracted him to the film. "The added layer of the importance of firefighters, especially post 9/11, I felt like there was a reality about them

that needed to be expressed and I was very curious to see if the script could do it and was very impressed that it did," he said.

Russell had similar attractions, but his main goal was to give an honest portrayal of these heroic men

that he greatly respects. "I wouldn't agree to do the movie unless the looming possibility of loss of life was truthful," he said.

Russell succeeded with his master plan. *Ladder 49* evokes feelings of compassion and admiration for the people who ride in fire trucks on a daily basis and risk their lives to save others. Phoenix's character, Jack, is the epitome of a self-sacrificing firefighter. The thrill of rescuing motivates him to continue with his life-threatening job even after he is happily married and becomes a

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Jay Russell
Director



Photo courtesy Buena Vista Pictures

Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix) battles a terrifying apartment blaze in an effort to save a young girl. The 'Nique sat down with Phoenix, director Jay Russell and other members of the cast of *Ladder 49* and talked about the characters and why they all became involved in the film.

father. Both his wife and children fear for his safety, yet he constantly reminds his family that it is his calling and duty to save people's lives.

Phoenix explained why he was drawn to the role. "I wanted to do

something that involved families. I've always liked the idea of playing a firefighter and there is a real need in Hollywood to make movies about heroic characters," he said.

Although Jack can be deemed

heroic, he is by no means perfect. Phoenix noted his impressions of the character of Jack the first time he read through the script. [He]

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Flogging Molly rocks the vote at Roxy

By Jennifer Allen
Contributing Writer



Bridget Regan is the wind instrumentalist for Irish punk band, Flogging Molly. The band recently played a show sponsored by PunkVote.com along with fellow punk bands the Street Dogs and the Briggs.

Flogging Molly's music is like being assaulted by drunken Irish people singing dirty, politically driven children's nursery rhymes. It's Irish punk rock at its finest, so it's no surprise that when the band came to the Roxy last Thursday that many showed up to dance and drink.

The concert got off to a slow start not only in timing but in the music as well. Instead of starting at eight, there was an extra 15 minutes of watching roadies set up the stage. At 8:15 the festivities finally got under way as the first opening band, the Briggs took the stage.

The Briggs are an average, run-of-the-mill punk band. Every song is fast paced and every song sounds the same but with different words. While their songs are nothing special, their stage presence is amazing. The Briggs are a band that when you watch them you know that they are enjoying themselves and love to play their music.

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There were 30 minutes between the Briggs' set and the second opening band, the Street Dogs. If you like punk rock, pop punk or any type of music that you can jump around to you should check out the Street Dogs.

The Street Dogs are reminiscent of MXPX with some Boston flare thrown in. Like the Briggs before them, the Street Dogs had fun on the stage.

So much fun, in fact, that the lead singer split his pants while doing a scissor kick.

While they were playing, everyone became so engrossed in their music that the general consensus of the audience was for

them to keep playing. They were able to get the crowd going before they finished up their set and made way for Flogging Molly.

Now, in normal concerts there would be about 30 minutes in between the opening bands and the headliner, but *au contraire*. This concert was put on by PunkVote.com.

PunkVote.com is an organiza-

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Pick your haunt at Netherworld

Starting Oct. 3, the Netherworld Haunted House will be open seven days a week and expanding its hours from 7 p.m. to midnight. Currently, they're only open weekends. With three different galleries of horror, you'll probably want to bring a clean pair of shorts for the ride home. Admission is \$14-25.

Rock out with your ballot out

This Saturday the Roxy Theatre hosts "Rock Against Bush" featuring Anti-Flag, Midtown, Strike Anywhere and more. You can go just to rock out or go to wear your political views on your sleeve as well. Show starts at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$14.99.

Get your game on at Lenox Mall

This Saturday Lenox Mall is hosting the 2004 EA Sports Madden Challenge. Compete for a prize of \$50,000 and a trip to the EA Sports Madden Bowl. The contest starts at 9 a.m. and you can sign up to compete online at www.easports.com/events/maddenchallenge2004.

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tion that sponsors punk concerts in hopes to educate the fans and rouse them to go vote in the November elections.

This would not have been so bad if they had not decided to show a video during break in between bands. The video told of what PunkVote.com was all about, which in a nutshell is how to get President Bush out of office.

Their 15-minute video had Will Ferrell portraying Bush as a blundering idiot trying to film a campaign ad. After about five minutes, the crowd started to get restless.

Hand shadow puppets began to show up along the bottom, which was ironically more interesting than the video. It was apparent that all interest had been lost when cups began to batter the screen.

Then, as if the video wasn't bad enough, insult was added to injury the crowd had to wait another 30 minutes after the video had finished before Flogging Molly took stage.

Finally, the lights dimmed and

Bob Marley's "Redemption Song" played over the speakers, ushering the band in on the final note. There they were, in all their drunken glory, Flogging Molly.

They came out of the box swinging, picking up the pace on the

"I would like to tell you that I have a hangover. We were in Disneyland last night and what else is there to do but drink?"

Dave King
Lead singer

second song with their instrumental song "Swagger" which really got the crowd going.

Following the opening song, lead singer Dave King greeted the crowd with an honest revelation.

"I would like to tell you that I have a hangover. We were in Disneyland last night and what else is there to do but drink? F—ing Mickey Mouse made me do it," he said.

They then launched into "Wailing Wall," a song off their new album *Within a Mile of Home*.

While their new songs still have the same old Flogging Molly essence to them, the crowd favorites were definitely from the band's second album *Drunken Lullabies*, which is the epitome of classic Flogging Molly.

Cell phones and lighters appeared as the band played "Whistles the Wind" while the crowd surfing and moshing broke out during old favorites like "The Devil Dance Floor."

After an hour of playing, the band finished up their set and went off stage. They soon came back out to do an encore and played their most famous song "What's Left of the Flag."

With some of the members completely drunk by this point, the encore was a last hurrah for the band and a last wish for the crowd.

Ben Folds releases third EP in series; casual listeners left wanting

By Jennifer Allen
Contributing Writer

As an Architecture major I have a lot of time to listen to CDs. One CD that I listened to recently is Ben Folds's new EP *Super D*. The CD consists of five songs, three new ones and two covers.



to become less annoying.

The most intriguing part about the CD is the way that Folds is able to incorporate a piano into rock music.

This EP is the third in a trilogy of EPs released on the internet. The first two EPs, *Speed Graphic* and *Sunny 16* follow the same format as *Super D*; three original songs and two covers.

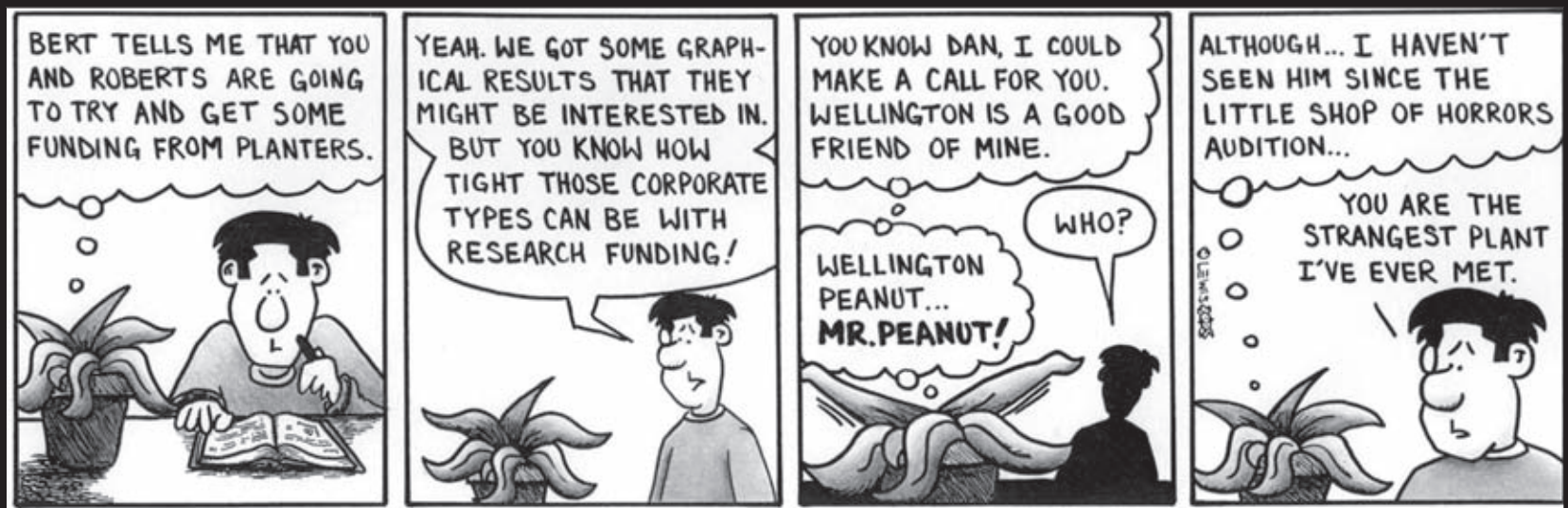
The EP is pretty interesting when it comes to the mix of music. There is a combination of

To be honest, it was rather difficult to listen the whole way through the first time around. Though after about the fourth time on rotation, the CD started

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Q.E.D.

Original
Comic
Strip



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SLIVER

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why does engineering involve numbers?
is the Counseling Center open at 2am?
do you like jumbo shrimp? no i'm allergic to oxymorons
"Throw a little woo at her and see what sticks"
i really did not appreciate your comment about GTDINING; you need to respect people. seriously. and no, i am not apart of GTDINING.
Goooooooooooo DAWGS!
Months before graduation, I have discovered that I love Tech!
why do all the Brittain waffles taste sour?
and when the hell do they make omelettes?
if it's all the same to the yearbook ppl, i would rather have a diploma proving that i went to school here instead of a photo
one weekend at athens > > one weekend of xbox
real guys like down to mars girls
why'd the chicken cross the road? Because HP was replacing my printer for free
there's a crater in my wall
Something you don't see week...Dave taking a shower.
food from last week stuck in the beard...
flakes coming from the head...
and of course, he knows it all
Bridge will take 2.5 years - seems like that should be an option!
Ugh, mgmt classes are so esay...and boring...
when there is no money, there is no money...give up UGA/Tech
Sports was really cool this week. Miami will be a good game
nothing feels as good as to skip calc and go eat
"GIRLY--MAN" WOMEN SENT TO "WAR"----BY THE REAL
"GIRLY-- - MAN": America the only country sending women to war: I understand equality, and rights for all. (but) along with it comes a responsib
I swear there was a midget in that ASIMO robot
"Za uspiekh nashevo beznadiozhnovo diela" "To the success of our hopeless task"
this..... is so funny.. don't ever stop...

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Shark Tale swims in great humor, engaging plot

By Swathy Prithivi
Contributing Writer

On land, *Shark Tale* appears to be torn between being a *Finding Nemo* clone and a big animated "Will Smith versus Robert De Niro" showdown.

But some time into the movie, when you're drawn under the sea, as Sebastian, the crab from *The Little Mermaid* sings: "Such wonderful things surround you. What more is you lookin' for?" As it turns out, not much else.

"The selling point of the movie seems to be the star-studded cast, whose members have lent their voices and... their personalities to this movie."

The thing that becomes clear at the outset is that *Shark Tale* is closer to *Shrek* than *Finding Nemo* with its winning mix of irreverence, subversion and sass.

The brand of humor used in *Shark Tale* is what makes the movie appealing to not only the usual cartoon target audience of children but to their older siblings and parents as well.

It is a tale where not everyone is sweet and adorable but instead seems to be corrupted in their own funny way.

The selling point of the movie seems to be the star-studded cast, whose members have lent their voices and surprisingly, even their personalities to this movie.



Photo courtesy DreamWorks Animation

Oscar (Will Smith, left) tries to explain to Angie (Renée Zellweger) why he is hiding a shark named Lenny (Jack Black) in DreamWorks Animation's computer-animated comedy *Shark Tale*. The film also features an all-star supporting cast and an upbeat soundtrack which includes several great tracks.

Lenny (Jack Black) is the younger son of Don Lino (Robert De Niro), the head of the underwater mafia and has a lot of problems on his fins.

His brother, Frankie (Michael Imperioli, *The Sopranos*) purports to be a killer while in reality he's a sensitive, closet vegetarian with instincts that could hardly hurt a fly or in his case, even a bait worm. He's an embarrassment to his father and as a pacifist doesn't really fit into his aggressive mob family.

Meanwhile on a lower level of the ocean food chain is Oscar (Will Smith), a fast-talking, ambitious, and flashy fish who is sick of being a nobody and is actively seeking fame.

However expectations don't quite match up to reality and he would not even have a job at the local Whale Wash as a tongue cleaner without the help of his friend Angie (Renée Zellweger).

His puffer fish boss Sykes (Martin

Scorsese) on the other hand, can't wait to recover all the clams that Oscar borrowed from him.

An accident gets blown up into a big fat lie and suddenly Oscar becomes the center of attention. He becomes a "sharkslayer" and protector of the Reef.

He subsequently makes a manager out of his old boss, gets the attention of the seductive gold-digger Lola (Angelina Jolie) and the friendship of Lenny who is seeking anonymity

more than anything else.

Together Lenny and Oscar come up with a plan to cement Oscar's newfound success and have Lenny disappear and resurface as a cross-dressing whale to erase his mafia connections. The plan actually works. But what they do not foresee are its far reaching consequences.

Rounding out the main cast are Bernie (Doug E. Doug) and Ernie (Ziggy Marley), two Rastafarian jellyfish as Sykes's henchmen; Luca (Peter Falk, *Columbo*), an oily octopus as Don Lino's consigliere;

"...Lenny and Oscar come up with a plan to...have Lenny disappear and resurface as a cross-dressing whale to erase his mafia connections."

and Katie Current (Katie Couric, TV's *The Today Show*) as the Reef's top anchorfish. With breathtaking graphics that bring an undersea New York Times Square and the *Titanic* to life, this film is a delightfully unique take on the classic mob film genre. The soundtrack is peppy, featuring Missy Elliott, Christina Aguilera, JoJo, Ludacris, D12, Ziggy Marley partnered with Sean Paul and many more notable artists.

Shark Tale makes for interesting viewing. Regardless of whether you start off your movie experience by competing with little kids for shark fin caps and *Lizzie McGuire* merchandise or by standing in line for popcorn and candy, this movie is definitely entertaining.

SLIVER

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juicy, ripe, and fat
DAMMMIT!! I LEFT MY RUBBER DUCKY AT HOME!
I got shafted... I was the middle shower when 4 people took showers.
Ryan is not welcome in Glenn Hall!!!!!!
Welcome to the Federation Starship SS Buttcrack!
Box Box Intersection!
A-bluh?
People who use anime smilies should have their computer priviledges revoked
Dear Lauren, you are an idiot, what do you think Solid Gold did and didnt get caught at?
you are lucky you are pretty, cripes
Tatum...so that is where the hot girls are eh?
Dear Kristin, you are a bigger idiot...sucks to be you
bring on the Grass Party
I wish all I had to do was read some pages and write some papers
I took 3 tests and had 2 homeworks to do all with a grand total of 4 numbers, try complaining to someone who cares and make a better argument
I'm not a retard--I'm a transfer student!!! ;)
fission mailed
Hey Red Jesus, can I get your autograph?
The most useful thing I learned at Ga Tech: how to parallel park.
Flying Red Jesus!
What's with the rush?
Haven't you eaten like 5 times already today?
Whoa those girls like your beard.
Where do I get one of those red hats?
I am awake! Im awake.
SAVE BARBELL!
Today its raining.... tommorrow.... what?
optimism is dead at tech!!!
Q: Who rained on your parade?
A: Jeanne

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Folds

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music. There is a combination of fast-paced songs in conjunction with some slower ones. While most of the songs keep some form of jazz background to them, there is definitely a rock vibe throughout the EP.

Then there are the strings that are added for a touch of flare to keep your interest. In a letter on his website, Folds says that he added the strings because he could.

The lyrics of most of the songs are not your typical lyrics. The most interesting come from "Rent A Cop."

"That's a Ray Charles song that I don't know the whole thing, but I like it. I'll learn the rest of it one day."

Ben Folds Musician

The lyrics are so funny that they keep your attention and the music is so catchy that you find yourself singing the song long after you have turned off the CD player.

One of the more serious notes of the EP is in the last song. "They That Got" is a cover of a Ray Charles tune. Staying true to form, at the end of the song Folds incorporates his humor into the recording.

"That's a Ray Charles song that I don't know the whole thing, but I like it. I'll learn the rest of it one day," he said.

If you're a die-hard fan of Ben Folds, then this EP is for you. If not, then you may want to pass.

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Two Bits Man indicts classmates for lack of manners

What follows is an open letter to all of the jackasses in my classes.

OK, that's it. I've had enough of this crap. I've tried to be nice, but it just didn't work. So now I'm going to lay down the freaking law.

You people simply must learn how to conduct yourselves like decent human beings or I shall be forced to institute a policy of 'civility through massive head trauma' and I'm not kidding, dammit.

Alright, first things first: if you are in a class of less than 30 people and your professor walks in and

says 'good morning' to everyone, then in the name of all that is holy, just say 'good morning' back.

Do you have any idea how much you look like a douche when you just sit there like a kid with autism? This is why you weren't popular in high school. This crap right here.

If you can't be bothered to greet people when they speak to you, then you'll never be one of the cool kids

and the head cheerleader will never want to make out with you, leaving you forever tied to that eerily life-like sex doll that you learned how to build off of alt.sex.makebabyjesus cry.

Also, if you're in a class which requires daily participation like, say, a foreign language, you might want to show up ready to participate.

If I have to watch one more girl try to play the 'I'm about to cry because this class is so hard and the teacher's a big meanie' card, I'm gonna look up some foreign curse words and scream them at her.

Just because she doesn't know how to say, "The dog is next to the cat," in the target language for the third day in a row no less, does not give anyone the right to cry, even if you are a girl.

Ladies, a word to the wise here. The effectiveness of that trick really starts to wear off somewhere around the 30th or 40th time in a row that it is applied.

So, either get a new trick or learn the words for 'dog' and 'cat.' And not to bash on women or anything, but when guys don't know what the hell's going on, we at least have the common decency to stand there like a deer in headlights and look like the

idiots that we are.

Don't get me wrong here, if you make an honest effort to participate and you don't get all upset when

you still look like a moron, I don't mind at all. Well, I mind, but at least you're trying.

Oh, and one last thing: when you're in class and the professor is lecturing, *shut the hell up.*

Why did you even bother coming to class if you were just going to blather on like your imbecilic self anyway? You can do that at home.

Hell, you can play video games while you do that at home—in a more comfortable chair, no less. What was the point of dragging your idiot ass away from *Halo* if you weren't even going to listen in class?

And are you really so stupid that you don't notice that there are twelve different people shushing you and telling you to shut up for God's sake? Actually, don't answer that.

In closing, I have a request for you, on behalf of myself and everyone else in all of my courses who *doesn't* want to fail out of school. Please stop coming to class.

Seriously, just stay home and do whatever it is that you do, and leave the rest of us in peace. We both know you're just going to fail anyway. Why try to drag the rest of us down with you? Again, don't answer that.

*Yes, those are for you, jackass.



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the character of Jack the first time he read through the script. “[He] was the best firefighter ever, with a perfect marriage and perfect family life, and I didn’t think that was really realistic, especially when I sat down and started researching the part,” he said.

Changes were made to create a “new, flawed Jack” as opposed to the unrealistic superhero. He is still valiant and admirable but he possesses basic idiosyncrasies as well. Phoenix gracefully carries the movie on his shoulders and if you thought Travolta was the leading man here, you were mistaken.

Travolta is Chief Mike Kennedy, the boss of the firehouse and mentor to his younger firefighters. His presence is felt in the film, but his role is less significant than Phoenix’s.

When asked how it was to play the eldest character for once, Travolta expressed, “I found it appealing to be the senior guy...it’s moving into

the Duvall and Gene Hackman era of possibilities. I enjoyed it.”

All in all, the movie is an honest portrayal of firefighters and their responsibilities. It shows the camaraderie between the members of the same firehouse, the vicious and

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John Travolta Actor

unforgiving fires they attend to and illustrates the looming possibility of death for each firefighter, as well as demonstrates how the loss of life affects each firefighter and their

family members.

Actor Robert Patrick was very honest when he said that his sole purpose in making the film was to “make a movie for firefighters and pay tribute.”

Ladder 49 does not tell the larger than life story of firefighters, it shows the gritty realization that before each firefighter goes to work, it could be the last time they see their families.

Most of the fires used in the movie are authentic and most of the editing techniques are creative and applied stylishly. Jack’s first fire run is seen from his point of view since the camera is attached to his helmet.

Ladder 49 definitely gives you a newfound sense of appreciation for firefighters everywhere. It is a realistic, family-oriented and patriotic movie.

One statement that Russell shared that really stuck and feels appropriate to use in closing is, “if you hang out at a fire house for a few days you will see some of the funniest shit you’ve ever seen – or the most tragic.”



Photo courtesy Buena Vista Pictures

Firefighter Jack Morrison (Joaquin Phoenix) and his mentor, Captain Mike Kennedy (John Travolta) team up to battle a life-threatening blaze in *Ladder 49*, which opens today.

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Hell yeah! we finally got a day off for a hurricane... wait what
Here’s to walking to the squeak-beat of your drenched flip-flops!
Hey look on the bright side... atleast we don’t have school on saturday when tech goes 1on1 with the badest hurricane of em all
The Crimson Clipper is the red head who walks with a purpose
asimo went crazy and killed his master...its Irobot...
pssh...who has time to eat.... muchless sleep
Red Jesus on East Campus will henceforth be named “The Crimson Clipper”
The Crimson Clipper is ME, not CS like we all thought...
SAVE THE BARBELL CLUB!!
note to mike - nice accuracy with that volleyball... it broke the window
Can’t wait to go back to Houston on oct. 15th!
I MISS HOUSTON AND DRIFTING IN MEH STANG!
One of the ladies at waffle house serves pasta at Britain!!!
ARKANSAS(nick) CAN’T GET IT UP!!!!
Poop!
I thought about the things we used to do. It really meant alot to me. You mean a lot to me... girl, you know it’s true.
Stinkin roommate...If you’re going to step out of the shower dripping wet, don’t use my luxurious Charmin’ toilet paper to soak it up!
Ever had someone call you “rat face”?
I hate having stupid roommates.
School keeps getting in the way of me Porch Partying all day and Grass Parying all night. I hate Tech.
If ever spend my money to buy your damn Oreos again I will piss in your soy milk.
YES! Josh E’s sister is coming into town today!
Dude, I am the king of Grass Party.



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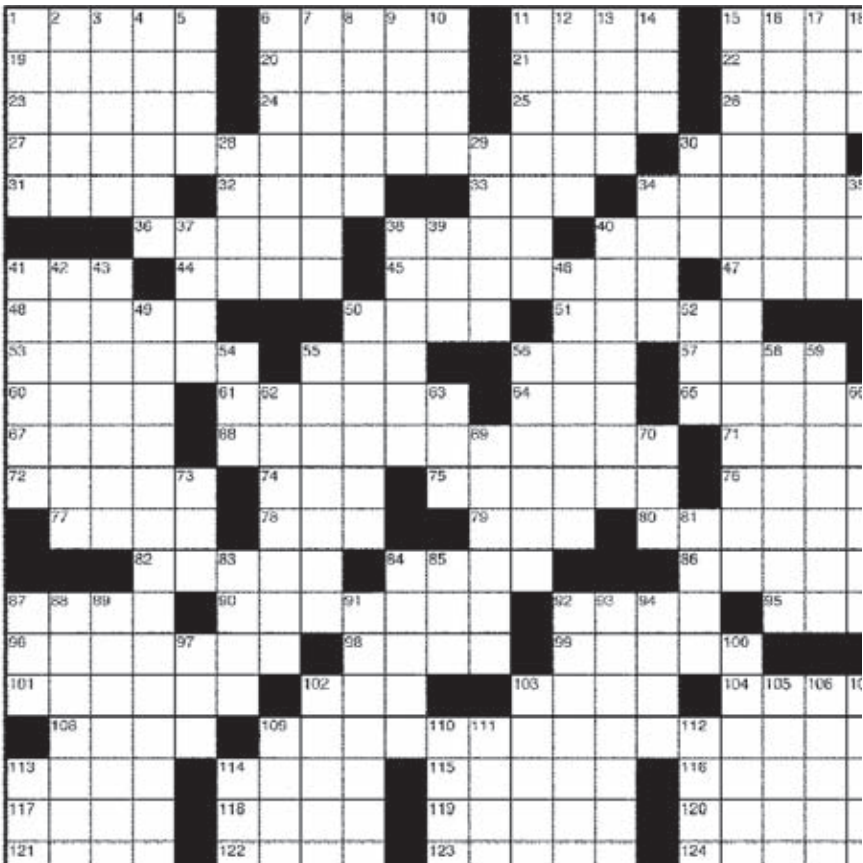
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 - 11. Collars
 - 15. Singer __ Lane
 - 19. Peak in Exodus
 - 20. Thalia's sister
 - 21. Troubles
 - 22. Smile radiantly
 - 23. Invents, in a way
 - 24. Thespian
 - 25. Fever
 - 26. " __ It Romantic?"
 - 27. One making it difficult for others
 - 30. Math subj.
 - 31. M. Descartes
 - 32. Wheeling's river
 - 33. Musical talent
 - 34. Sings in lederhosen, perhaps
 - 36. Up and about
 - 38. Early "Tonight Show" host
 - 40. Orbital point
 - 41. Was in session
 - 44. Lairs
 - 45. Kremlin power structure
 - 47. Egg holder
 - 48. Display
 - 50. Makes a choice
 - 51. "Middlemarch" author
 - 53. Muss up
 - 55. Novelist __ Tan
 - 56. Govt. bookkeepers
 - 57. NHL's __ Esposito
 - 60. Delivery request
 - 61. Go back to square one
 - 64. Bustle
 - 65. Big rigs
 - 67. __ spumante
 - 68. It's bought sight unseen
 - 71. Biblical verb
 - 72. Steals a look
 - 74. Peak in Crete
 - 75. Surgical tool
 - 76. Turkish title
 - 77. Actress Kate __
 - 78. McCourt memoir
 - 79. Pistol
 - 80. Went by dugout
 - 82. " __ Train"
 - 84. One from Aberdeen
 - 86. Fred's sister
 - 87. Sea World performer
 - 90. Times of glory
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- 114. Put together, as assets
- 115. Rostra
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- 117. First phone caller
- 118. Eye suggestively
- 119. Lazybones
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- 121. Man, e.g.
- 122. Mary __ Lincoln
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- 1. Covered figurine
 - 2. Semiconductor
 - 3. Bermuda, perhaps
 - 4. National park VIP
 - 5. Yes indeed, amigo
 - 6. Infidel
 - 7. Small fry
 - 8. San __, Calif.
 - 9. Chemist's concern
 - 10. Ibsen heroine

- 11. Erie-Ontario connector
- 12. Rags-to-riches writer
- 13. Go out of focus
- 14. Dallas to Houston dir.
- 15. It's worth two in the bush
- 16. Surround with troops
- 17. Baubles
- 18. CPR provider
- 28. Schnozz
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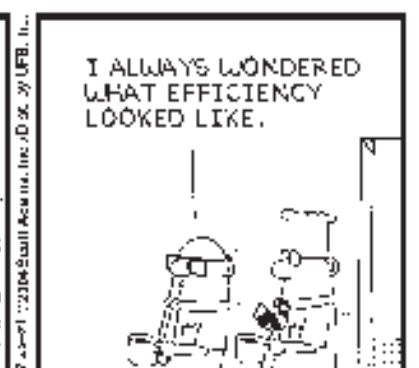
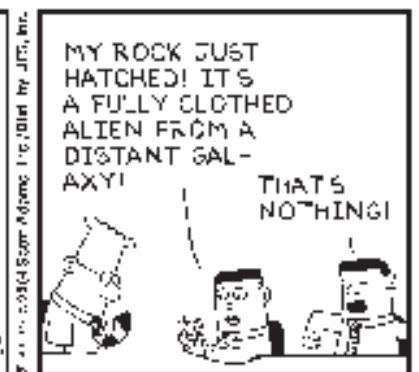
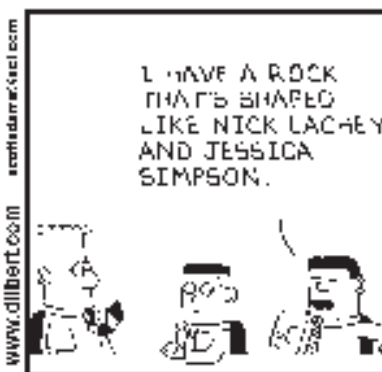
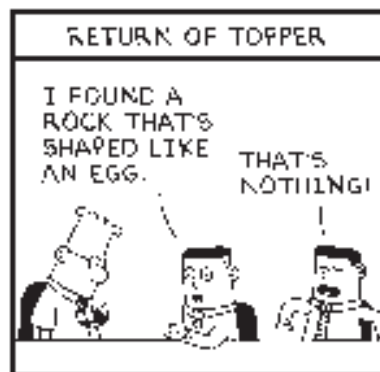
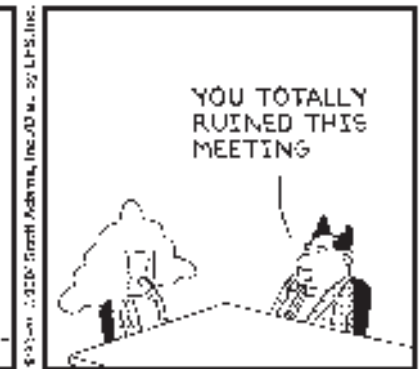
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by the numbers
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The number of ACC schools who have a winning record against Miami coming into this season. Tech is one of these two schools, holding a 6-3 advantage in the overall series. The University of North Carolina is the other ACC school with a winning record against the Hurricanes.

9

The number of women's cross country teams ranked in the top-30 that will be competing in the Notre Dame Invitational in South Bend, Ind. along with Tech on Oct. 1. There are also seven nationally ranked men's teams in the event as well.

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The yards per game No. 4 Miami's defense has allowed so far this season, the third fewest in the nation. The Hurricanes have only allowed 23 points in three games, with one resulting from a fumble return.

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The number of possible matchups of undefeated teams in ACC volleyball action after the Jackets take on Virginia Tech this Sunday. The Jackets and Hokies are currently the only two teams who are still undefeated in league play. Virginia Tech must defeat Clemson on Friday to keep their unblemished ACC record.

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this year that I don't think there is any team out there that can touch us. This has been the best team that Georgia Tech has seen in anybody's memory."

The soccer club also fields another less competitive B-team for games during the year. The B-team travels with and participates in all of the same tournaments as the A-team during the year and has had wins over teams such as Valdosta State.

In the spring the club will travel to the University of Florida, Clemson and Vanderbilt for tournaments, and the team will be holding tryouts at the beginning of the semester.

"I would like to see more distributive production," Dement said. "We have one guy, Dominik Schmid, who has been scoring goal after goal for us. If a team catches on, then we might be in some trouble. If we see that, we'll key in on it and use him more as a decoy."

It seemed proper that Tech faced Auburn in its first road game of the season this year. Auburn finished No. 5 in the nation at the end of last fall and was responsible for ending Tech's run in last year's Southeastern Collegiate Soccer League Tournament. Ever since that time Tech has been looking for redemption against the Tigers.

It seems that fate has once again brought these two teams at odds and the road to nationals will be through Auburn when the Jackets go to Tupelo, Miss. at the end of Oct. for the region tournament.

The team has high expectations for this year and has set its goal on a first-place finish National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association Tournament.

If you are interested in playing for the Tech men's soccer club or attending any of their games, check out www.cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/soccer for schedules, rosters, pictures and results.

FRESHMAN
faces in the crowd

CALVIN JOHNSON
Freshman
Football

Johnson, a freshman wide receiver, has already proven that he has the ability to come up big in pressure situations. He caught eight passes for 127 yards and three touchdowns, including the game-winner in Tech's comeback win over Clemson.

At 6'4", Johnson is the prototype tall, play-making wide receiver and is one of the most highly touted recruits Tech has signed in recent years. He was a high school first-team all-state selection by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* last year, catching 40 passes for 736 yards in his senior season at Sandy Creek High School in Tyrone, Ga.



LINDSEY GRAY
Freshman
Volleyball

Gray is a talented outside hitter from Lenexa, Kan. She is a very intelligent player, who has an extremely good court presence. Gray received many awards for her outstanding play for Olathe East high school, setting a school record in kills and receiving all-state honors for her performance in 2002 and 2003.

This season Gray is learning the outside hitter position from two of the best, Lauren Sauer and Lynnette Moster. Gray played extremely well when she stepped in for the injured Abby Showers against Tennessee Tech on September 11, recording nine digs in the match.



ONUR URAS
Freshman
Swimming

Onur Uras has made quite an impression, even before his first collegiate competition. He gave Tech fans a preview of his swimming skills when he competed for Turkey in the 100-meter butterfly in the Olympics.

Uras is a four-time Turkish national champion, and he has been very successful in competitions in Europe, winning the 200-meter butterfly at the Grand Prix Meet in Belgium this year. Uras is expected to compete in the freestyle, butterfly and individual medley events for Tech this year.



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After this week of play, Laband leads the ACC in assists per game with 14.27. She is also a major reason Tech leads the conference in hitting percentage (.227), kills per game (17.38) and assists (16.10).

The Jackets take their game to Blacksburg on Oct. 3 in a showdown with Virginia Tech to determine who will take sole possession of first place in the conference. They then travel to Wake Forest and Duke before returning home the weekend of Oct. 15 to face-off against Virginia and Maryland.

“Our ACC schedule is going to be pretty tough,” Gergen said. “There are a lot of teams, like Maryland, UNC, Duke and Florida State that played some great competition in their preseasons and that are ready to go. I am really excited to play some new teams like Miami and Virginia Tech, who we have never played before and going out there. I mean, it is going to be a lot of fun.”

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before losing to eventual champion Greg Oulette of Florida. In doubles play, freshman team David North and Scott Blackmon advanced to the semifinals before losing to a No. 3 ranked team from the University of South Alabama.

Both the men’s and the women’s teams will be playing in tournaments until the latter part of January when dual matches begin. These early tournaments are good practice for the players, and they give the coaches the opportunity to find the right pairing for doubles.

“That’s why we have these fall tournaments — because you play

with different combinations so coach sees who’s good [together],” said sophomore men’s player Zach Rath. “Doubles is all about chemistry.”

From January to April the tennis teams play in dual matches. Tech’s tennis schedule is highlighted by great competition.

In addition to playing every team in the ACC, the men’s team will also face UGA, Princeton and Auburn, among others while the women’s team will compete against the likes of UGA, Rice, Harvard and Vanderbilt.

But the highlight of the season may be the ACC championships. Winning the ACC is a goal both teams have in mind.

“[We’re] working as hard as we

can to win the ACC championships. That’s our goal every year,” Rath said. The ACC championships start April 21 of next year.

For the women’s team, Silverio mentioned the ACC championships as a goal in addition to finishing in the top 16 nationally.

There are four ACC teams ranked in the top 25 nationally in both the men’s and the women’s divisions. The Tech men’s team is currently ranked No. 32 while the women are ranked No. 40.

Local fans will have many opportunities to see Yellow Jacket tennis this season. The men’s and women’s tennis teams will host a total of 18 dual matches here on campus at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. While Silverio noted that the support is already very good for home matches.

“We’re always trying to get more people to come out,” Silverio said.

Student admission is free, and a complete schedule of the tennis matches can be found on **Ramblin-Wreck.com**.

sports shorts

Baron to coach U.S. at Maccabiah

Men’s and women’s Swimming and Diving Coach Seth Baron was named the U.S. head coach for the World Maccabiah Games. The competition, held July 11-21 in Israel, showcases the top Jewish athletes in the world.

Golf runner-up at Ping/Golfweek

The golf team started off their fall season with a runner-up finish at the Ping/Golfweek Preview. The Jackets finished four shots behind Oklahoma State.

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Men’s club soccer team ranked No. 1 in region



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men’s soccer club played at home this weekend against Mercer. The club team plays at the Tucker Youth Soccer Association fields, 15 minutes off campus. Directions can be found at www.tysa.com.

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

The Tech soccer club blew past Mercer 8-0 Sunday in the only home game of the fall season. The Jackets improved their overall season record to 5-1-2 and currently sit undefeated just a few points behind Auburn in region play.

“With our win we are ranked No. 1 now in our region and we are

looking to stay undefeated against Samford and Georgia College and State University before the Southeastern Conference Soccer League Tournament in Tupelo, Mississippi,” club scheduler Jason Daley said.

The Jackets started off slow with two goals in the first half but ran circles around the Mercer defense in the second half of the game scoring six more. On the other side of the ball, the Jackets’ defense did not give

up a shot on goal for the entire 80 minutes of play.

“We finally started putting away our chances,” Daley said on the difference between the first and second halves of the game. “Guys were taking too many touches and playing a little slow.”

“We’ve been a second half team this entire year,” President Brandon Dement said on the second half scoring spree. “Every game so far

this year, teams have stuck with us the first half, but in the second half we’ve managed to pull away. It’s our better ball movement and we just tire teams out. Other teams just can’t keep up with the running.”

The soccer club team began their season with a 1-1 tie against Auburn but turned things around when they traveled to Gainesville for a tournament hosted by the University of Florida. There they gathered wins against Georgia Southern, the University of Miami, the University of Florida (Blue) and the University of Florida (Orange).

However, the Jackets were defeated in the finals by Vanderbilt and took second place in the end. Tech was also unable to defeat old foe Auburn and ended their rematch in the tournament with another 1-1 tie. Throughout this season the soccer club’s leaders have guided their club, in its wins and losses, with outstanding play.

Dominik “The German Machine” Schmid has become this year’s star for the soccer club. In the eight games this season, Schmid has 12 of the team’s 26 goals on the year. The 23-year-old German graduate

student has helped lead the team to a 5-1-2 record so far, and an undefeated record in the region.

“We have Dominik who scored 12 goals already this season,” Daley said. “Any time he’s on the field we dominate the game. We pass the ball to him and he gets by the defenders and scores.”

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Jason Daley
Junior club soccer

Despite the strong performance against Mercer, the team has had little time to devote to their physical prowess. This is something that could be holding them back from a stronger performance.

“We need to work on fitness,” Daley said. The guys came in a couple weeks in [to the semester] and getting [them] into top shape in a little over a month is tough thing to do.”

The Jackets will face off against Samford today. The game was moved up a day because of the Miami football game on Saturday and will be the second road game of the season for the soccer club.

“I don’t know much about them, but I’m not worried about them,” Dement said. “Our team is so strong

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Water polo makes splash in tournament play

By Andy Holt
Contributing Writer

The water polo team got off to an impressive start this weekend, and according to them being the top team in their region and No. 11 in the country is just the beginning.

Acting as host to the first of two Southern Region qualifying tournaments, Tech went 5-0, winning over such region rivals as Florida, Florida State and Auburn. The tournament this past weekend was a round-robin

style bracket, where every team played each other and the team with the best record was determined to be the winner.

"It was a qualifying tournament, so we basically got more points than anybody else to qualify for the SE championships," Tech coach Garrett Freeman said. "We're the number one team so far, but we've got to keep earning points."

The Jackets were looking to put on a show for their home crowd. Their play this weekend also brought them a win over Florida, which was the first defeat for the Gators in five years of league play.

"It was a qualifying tournament, so we basically got more points than anybody else to qualify for the SE championships."

Garrett Freeman
Water polo head coach



"I used to play for Florida in college and never lost to Tech," Freeman said. "And I come up here and we've been 2-0 against them, once in spring in like an out of season game, and then in the league game this past weekend. And we were 5-0 this weekend, which is nice."

The water polo team has thus accumulated the most qualifying points in the region, putting them in prime position to achieve their goals for the year; goals that are certainly not small, even for a team as primed as this one.

"This is the year... We're more organized. We've had talent in the past, [but] I expect this to be the best season ever in Georgia Tech water polo," said team president Rick Bourgault.

In the past the water polo team has been a widely recognized team with perennial trips to national tournaments and major wins over highly ranked teams. This year the team has set their aim high and hopes to impress their fans.

Both Freeman and Bourgault agreed that a top-four performance at the national tournament is the goal for the year, an accomplishment that would be unprecedented for the club.

"This is my first year coach-

ing them, so they're learning new things but at the same time they're already at the level where if they grasp it early enough we can move with it and go," Freeman said. "Our goal is to go top 4 at nationals."

Backing up that expectation of success are several talented players. Team captain Christopher George is the spiritual leader of the squad, and Logan McLeod leads the team in scoring. The team has also been lucky to have several freshmen and newcomers contribute immediately.

"They're learning new things, but at the same time, they're already at the level that if they get it quick enough we can go with it," Freeman said.

The team now heads off to Miami of Ohio to test themselves against the country's best. Top-ten teams Michigan and Cal-Poly both have games against the Jackets in the tournament this weekend.

While the games will be a good test for the team, they are not region games, so Tech's status at the top of the regional heap will not change until the second qualifying tournament.

"You've got to get to the semifinals [at nationals] and then go from there," Freeman said. "Our goal is the semifinals and as soon as we get that goal, we're going for finals."

The next opportunity to see the team in action will be at Emory University Nov. 6 and 7 for the Southern Region Championships.

The performance of the team there will dictate their seeding in the national tournament, where once they arrive, their aim will be, as it has been, in the words of Bourgault, "to win it all."



The Water polo team makes its moves towards national superiority. The team is headlined by a number of returning players and some fresh faces. This year is one of great expectations.



By Michael Kraus
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Volleyball wins ACC opener, faces VTech Sunday

By John Scaduto
Contributing Writer

After a rough start to the season Yellow Jacket volleyball has righted ship for the time being—defeating three conference opponents in the past week. After decisive wins over North Carolina, North Carolina State and Clemson, Tech remains atop the ACC with an 8-5 (3-0) record.

The Jackets opened up conference play on Friday night in O'Keefe gymnasium against the Tar Heels. A school record 1,452 fans showed up, and the Lady Jackets did not disappoint. Outhitting Carolina .255 to .186, Tech cruised to an easy 3-0 win: 34-32, 30-26, 30-26.

"Our goal is to sell out on Friday night," senior Jayme Gergen said in the week before the game. "I want to have as many people in the seats as we possibly can. I mean, it is a great environment. It is going to be a lot of fun. UNC is a really great team. I want it to be so loud that we can't hear each other talk. That's what I want on Friday."

Returning All-American Lynnette Moster led the charge with 25 kills, 15 digs, and a dominating .429 hit percentage. Her teammate on the opposite side of the court, Lauren Sauer, threw down with

16 kills, as Laura Kuhn and Jayme Gergen chipped in with 11 and seven respectively.

"[UNC] is a lot like us. They run a pretty fast offense and play a pretty scrappy defense," said Gergen in the week before the game. "It is going to be a lot of fun."

All of this action kept junior setter Lindsey Laband busy with 58 assists and 10 digs. Tech cemented this offensive performance with a stellar defensive effort behind senior

Marisa Aston, posting 73 digs and six blocks. Aston also had 16 digs while Abby Showers had 12.

"We wanted to make a big statement tonight in our opening conference match, and our team played inspired," Head

Coach Bond Shymansky said as reported by Ramblinwreck.com.

Saturday's match against NC State brought much of the same. The Lady Jackets continued their inspired play, smoking the Wolfpack 30-24, 30-18, 30-19. Once more Moster led Tech with 16 kills, reasserting herself as a premier hitter in the ACC and the country.

"Lynnette Moster continues to show why she is an All-American. She was simply unstoppable," Shymansky said as reported by Ramblinwreck.com.

Sauer once again provided her complement of power with 11 kills



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Uli Stegemann and Lindsey Laband go for the block as Tech played UNC last Friday. Tech will go on the road this week to play one of their toughest opponents yet, Virginia Tech, on Sunday. Volleyball will be only the second Tech program to play one of the expansion teams in an ACC contest.

of her own. Moster also led the team with nine digs, followed by Aston with eight and Laband with seven. Laband also tossed up 39 assists in the quick match.

Tech dominated NC State, outhitting them .317 to .175. State also committed 11 service errors and 17 attack errors. Junior Katie Mohs stepped into the third game and posted three straight service aces.

"We got some good support from our freshman tonight.. [as well as] Katie Mohs and Jacqui Beebe stepped

in and kept the momentum for our team as we closed out the night," Shymansky said as reported by Ramblinwreck.com.

In the third victory at Clemson, Tech lost a close first match 30-32 but held fast and closed out the win in three straight matches, 30-23, 30-26 and 30-27.

The thunder-and-lightning duo of Sauer and Moster dropped 48 kills, 24 a piece, as the Jackets outhit Clemson .360 to .331. Moster also followed Aston's 15 digs with 12 of

her own, and Laband represented with 70 assists, a new career high.

This was an impressive week for Tech volleyball, as a group and individually. Not surprisingly, Moster was named ACC Volleyball Player of the week—the sixth time in her career she has earned such distinction.

The Jackets new setter Lindsey Laband continues to shine as the centerpiece of this lively offense.

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Tech prepares to face off against its toughest opponent yet

Miami

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"Miami brings all the attention and the media attention," Butler said. "Miami is one of the best teams in the nation and of course this brings a lot of tradition of winning and just a big game atmosphere to Atlanta."

Saturday is Tech's second ACC game but the first against a new expansion member. Some thought the ACC would be the strongest conference this season with the addition of Miami and Virginia Tech, but conference members have struggled out of the conference so far, most recently with North Carolina losing to Louisville and Clemson losing to Texas A&M the week before.

The expansion has bolstered Tech's strength of schedule and recruiting efforts. The Yellow Jackets were able to win over some big time recruits last spring, including Daryl Richard, because of the new ACC schedule. Richard has seen a lot of playing time at defensive tackle after choosing Tech over Miami and LSU.

Among the few players on the team with connections to Miami is senior wide receiver Nate Curry. Curry is a native of Miami and was recruited as a running back for them out of high school but chose to go to Tech instead.

"My family, they were all University of Miami fans before I came to Tech, so growing up all you saw down there was University of Miami and Florida State and University of Florida [fans]—Florida schools—and for me to come out of Florida and come to a Georgia school was a big surprise to everyone," Curry said. "I don't regret the choices I made [because] Tech is the place for me."

This week has been a gauntlet for Curry on and off the field. As the game towards Miami has

drawn closer, Curry has received more attention from friends and family.

"I haven't called home this weekend. You know a lot of people have been calling me," Curry said. "I had to start screening my calls through the week, so I haven't said too much to anyone yet."

This week Tech is looking for redemption after a sub-par performance against UNC. The team knows what a game like Miami means for the program.

"I think the guys are ready to get out there on the field and prove themselves," Butler said. "After a loss you are ready to get out there and play, and after a long bye-week that loss sticks in your mind. So [you] just [have to] forget about the loss and

just go out there and redeem ourselves."

Expect Tech to come out with a lot of emotion trying to get the crowd involved. Facing top competition is nothing new for Tech. The Jackets have faced both Georgia and Florida State for the past 12 seasons.

"I think they enjoy the challenge of games like this," Gailey said. "I know I do. I think most anybody does that is a competitor."

Miami had 43 players on opening day rosters in the NFL, the most for any school in the league. Many thought this season might be a down year for the Hurricanes after losing six first round draft picks to the NFL and joining the tougher

ACC, but so far the 'Canes have impressed.

"You obviously can look at their talent level," Gailey said. "They have great depth and can rotate people in at almost every position and still have really good football players walking on the field."

Tech must focus on playing their game while minimizing mistakes and capitalizing on Miami's to win. Tech must utilize all of its most powerful weapons to take this giant down. P.J. Daniels, now listed as doubtful for the Miami game because of a leg injury sustained against UNC, would be critical to the Jacket's game plan.

However, Chris Woods was able to come in and run well for

Four Key Questions

• Will Miami's run offense be as successful as UNC's?

The Tar Heels racked-up 284 yards of rushing against Tech. The Hurricanes offense has a potent, but not outstanding, running attack. Frank Gore and Tyrone Moss lead Miami's running game, averaging 155 yards per game. The return of Eric Henderson should help some, but Tech needs to play their individual assignments better than they have. Miami's offensive line is very good and Tech will struggle getting penetration, so safety support from Dawan Landry may be needed.

• Who will win the match-up between Tech's wide receiver Calvin Johnson and Miami's corner back Antrel Rolle?

Johnson has played very well in his freshman season, already catching three touchdown passes. Rolle is a highly touted cornerback who at 6'2" has the size to match up with the 6'4" Johnson. Miami likes to use Rolle a lot in its blitz packages so this is where Tech must take advantage of Johnson's height against a smaller corner. Rolle nearly shut down first round pick Larry Fitzgerald in Miami's game against Pittsburgh last season and has already handled some of Florida State's receivers well. Tech fans have seen Johnson make some outstanding plays, but this is his toughest test so far.

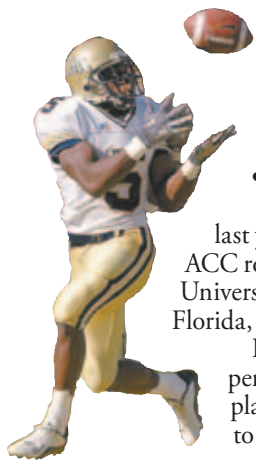
• Can Tech capitalize if Brock Berlin makes mistakes?

The Yellow Jackets have one of the best secondaries in the ACC even after losing cornerback Dennis Davis to a medical red-shirt for the season. Landry and All-American candidate James Butler are two outstanding safeties both in run and pass situations. Tech was only able to get two field goals out of two early turnovers from UNC last week. Miami receivers have also had a propensity for dropped balls this season. Berlin's shortcomings are partly his fault along with having to follow Ken Dorsey. Yet despite all of this, the senior has amassed a 14-2 record as a starter—better than NFL Hall of Famer Jim Kelly and Bernie Kosar.

• Will Miami intimidate Tech?

Tech has a history of playing to the level of its competition, as seen in last year's games versus Auburn and Florida State. Miami is facing its first ACC road game in a sold out Bobby Dodd Stadium after playing against the University of Houston and Louisiana Tech. Tech has a number of players from Florida, including a few from the Miami area.

Reggie Ball is known to love facing top competition and has typically performed well against good teams. The crowd will be primed for good play from Tech after a disappointing display in Chapel Hill. Expect Tech to feed off the crowd early on.



Team profiles



The Yellow Jackets are coming off an embarrassing loss to North Carolina two weeks ago. Tech's offense turned the ball over five times en route to a 34-13 loss.

All-ACC defensive end Eric Henderson returns from injury this week after missing the first three games of the season. His presence should give new life to a defense currently allowing 366 yards per game and only managing two sacks. The offense has shown bright spots, but their turnovers have curtailed their scoring totals. Tech had last week off, allowing time for some injuries to heal and extra preparation by coaches and players.



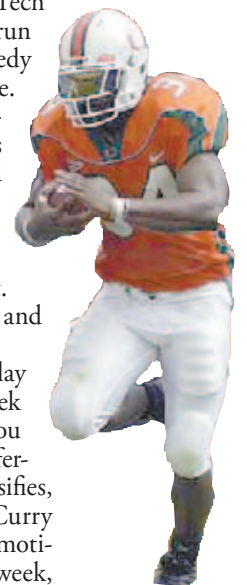
The Hurricanes started their season off with a come-from-behind victory over Florida State 16-10 in overtime. Miami

then rolled over Louisiana Tech and played well enough to beat Houston 38-13. Miami's quarterback, Brock Berlin, has continued to struggle this season throwing only two touchdown passes in three games. The defense and special teams have picked up the slack though. Miami is allowing less than eight points and a little over 200 yards per game. Last week the Miami defense scooped up a fumble against Houston and returned it for a touchdown. Punt returner Devin Hester is also a threat and already has two returns for touchdowns.

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the Jackets last Saturday. Tech will need a good balance of run and pass to keep the speedy 'Canes defense off balance. This season Miami has allowed less than 100 yards per game on the ground and not much more through the air. An unknown for Tech is the play of redshirt freshman Rashaun Grant. He will need to step up and perform on Saturday.

"You know we try to play practice at the same level week end and week out, but you know, understand that different teams—the level intensifies, it intensifies in practice," Curry said. "We have been more motivated this week, this past week, in practices."



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GETTIN' HIGH

Freshmen take a flight over the city of Atlanta with the aid of their peer leader and freshman partner. Page 13

HOTTEST MOVIE IN THEATERS

John Travolta and Joaquin Phoenix headline the recently in theaters *Ladder 49*, and the *Nique* takes a look. Page 19



HURRICANE WARNING

By Clark Nelson
Staff Writer

Saturday's game may prove to be one of the most noteworthy in Tech's young season. The Miami Hurricanes pose a formidable challenge, one that will push the team to its limits. But the Yellow Jackets have proven themselves to be giant-killers in years past, with wins over Clemson and Auburn, and a near upset of Florida State University in Tallahassee.

"Playing Auburn last year was a good experience for us. We get excited for every team, we just try to take one game at a time," cornerback James Butler said. "Miami is just another challenge for us. We are confident in what we can do and we have enough talent on this team to play against anybody in the country and we will find out how good we are this weekend."

Miami was the first game to sell out on the home slate, and many fans have been looking forward to this date since the schedule was announced. Tech and Miami play for the first time since the 1999 Gator Bowl, a 28-13 Miami victory. The game was the last for Joe Hamilton and a coming-out party for Hurricanes players Clinton Portis and Ken Dorsey.

Miami last visited Atlanta in 1978 when both schools were independents, and this game will be the 10th meeting between the schools with Tech holding a 6-3 advantage.

"All spring and all summer people talked about this game," Head Football Coach Chan Gailey said. "Everyone was talking about the new ACC and the shot at playing Miami and Virginia Tech at home."

Miami has won six national titles since 1983 and has been in two of the last three national championship games. This year the Hurricanes come into Atlanta ranked fourth in the nation by both the coaches' poll and AP poll.

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football
forecast

Each week during the football season, the *Technique* will pick a list of college matchups to be played that weekend. The person who submits the list with the most correctly projected winners receives a prize. In the event of a tie, the winner is determined by the person who most accurately predicts the score of Tech's game. To submit your picks, go to www.nique.net/footballforecast. This week's games are:

- Tech vs. Miami
- Wake Forest vs. NC State
- West Virginia vs. Virginia Tech
- North Carolina vs. FSU
- The Citadel vs. Duke
- UMass. vs. Boston College
- Michigan State vs. Iowa
- Iowa State vs. Oklahoma State
- Illinois vs. Wisconsin
- Purdue vs. Notre Dame
- LSU vs. Georgia
- Auburn vs. Tennessee

Sports Editor's record: 10-2

Last week's winner:
Jessica Wing-See Li

Tennis begins play with strong start



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Scott Blackmon and Marco Rejavac double up to play for the Jackets. Tennis brings a stronger team to the courts this year.

By Patrick Odneal
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Both the men's and women's tennis teams started the fall portion of their long schedule by competing in one tournament each this month.

The women's team had an amazing run at the Baylor Invitational and the men played among some of the best in the country at the Southern Intercollegiate this past week at UGA.

For the women's team, freshman Kristi Miller went 6-0 to capture the single's title. In doubles competition she teamed with sophomore Alison Silverio and also won the doubles title. Four wins in the doubles bracket added to her six individual victories gave Miller a total of 10 wins and no losses to start her college career.

In the doubles championship, Miller and Silverio actually faced Tech teammates Kacie Anson and Dasha Potapova in a match that would please Tech fans regardless

of the outcome.

"It was great to be able to play our teammates in the finals," Silverio said.

That championship match was played here on campus at the Bill Moore Tennis Center due to the time constraints of Miller playing in the singles championship.

Dasha Potapova also won the Green Back Draw singles title, and Lindsey Stauss finished runner-up in that same bracket. In addition Kelly Anderson and partner Stephanie Balzert won the doubles consolation title.

The men's team played in the Southern Intercollegiate, a tournament that hosted 15 nationally ranked teams out of a total of 27. Sophomore Jose Luis Muguruza advanced to the quarterfinals of singles play. He defeated Nathan Sachs of Vanderbilt in two sets, Angel Diakov of Virginia Tech in three sets and Nate Enge of Kentucky

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Alison Silverio
Tennis player

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